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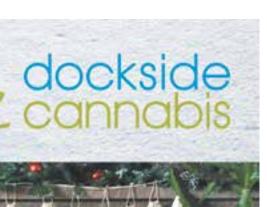
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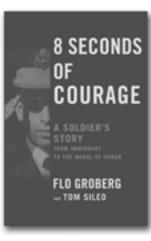
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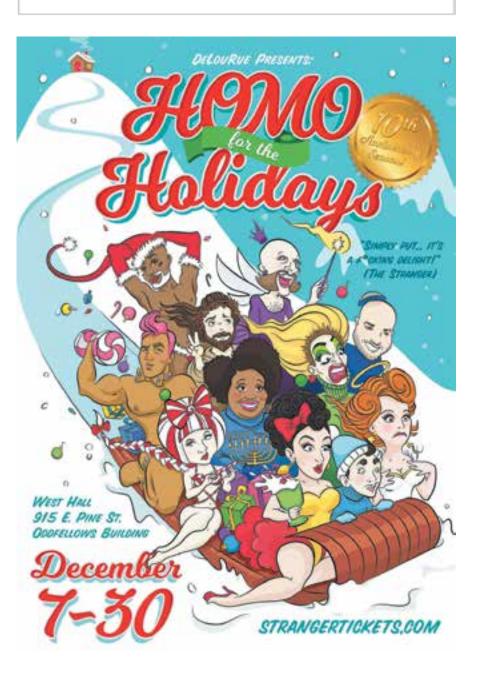
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In Seattle's Sodo neighborhood, near the start of the West Seattle Bridge, a tall matte-black fence frames a block of empty land underneath the Spokane Street Viaduct. The holes in the fence are small. They're designed that way, so most people can't lodge a finger or toe in the fence and climb it. But look up, and you'll see a more obvious deterrent: a line of metal spikes along the top.

Recently, the city evicted a homeless



encampment in this location that included people living in RVs. At least two RV fires started in the area this uear. including one that left a person dead. City and state officials say

the potential for fire caused by people trying to keep warm here poses a threat to the infrastructure. The fences are one way of keeping people from coming back.

Warning signs along this section of fence reveal the brand name of the spikes. "DANGER," the signs read "ULTRA-BARRIER"

Ultra-Barrier is made and sold by a company in San Leandro, California, called Unisec Inc. Each spike is 2.64 inches tall and made of stainless steel (type 301). The metal spikes point

The metal spikes point diagonally in alternating directions to create a sort of spiraling effect.

diagonally in alternating directions to create a sort of spiraling effect, instead of just sticking straight up in the air. They are delivered in fourfoot strips, and then lined up along the top of the fence and affixed with screws. A standard box includes 50 of those four-foot strips plus three warning signs. (Unisec Inc. also sells mini boxes.)

This particular section of fence under the viaduct cost about \$406,000, according to a list of these types of projects provided by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). Not all of the fencing features the spikes. SDOT could not say how much of the \$406,000

cost was for the Ultra-Barrier spikes. A Unisec representative reached by phone declined to say how much a box of Ultra-Barrier spikes costs. He said the company sells only to licensed contractors and distributors, not to individuals or homeowners. The company, he said, was "not interested in appearing in your article."

HEIDI GROOVER



Stranger neighbor demolished. Uber sued. Seattle Times bends over.

fter roasting the Trump administration at his Christmas show at the Neptune, filmmaker John Waters $asked\,the\,crowd\,if\,any\,of\,them\,were$ Trump supporters. The audience hollered: "No!" "LOL!" "Those fuckers don't exist in Seattle!" Waters was disappointed. He seemed to be in the mood to fight. • Jenny **Durkan** had five opportunities to step aside in favor of a qualified woman of color on Tuesday, November 28, but she failed to seize the opportunity. Instead, Durkan allowed herself to be sworn in as Seattle's 56th mayor five times over five hours in five different neighborhoods, including Rainier Beach, West Seattle, Chinatown-International

District, Phinney Ridge, and $Lake \, City. \bullet In \, one \, of \, his \, last \, big \,$ moves as mayor, Tim Burgess unveiled a plan to upzone 27 neighborhoods that would allow developers to build affordable housing where it's desperately needed. A coalition of $neighborhood\,groups\,soon\,after$ filed a legal challenge against the proposal, citing fears of

gentrification and displace- Jonesing! ment. At a press conference announcing their legal appeal, all but one of the representatives from the 24 groups was white. • The ongoing demolition of the former REI/Value Village building next door to The Stranger offices resulted in some earthquake-like building shaking, at which point the entire Stranger newsroom began screaming, crying, and hoarding leftover candy corn in anticipation of the Really Big One. • A Minnesotan planned on bringing beer cheese soup, a Midwestern classic, to a Thanksgiving feast in Seattle, but was discouraged when every Seattleite responded to the offer by saying, "Why the fuck would anyone eat beer cheese soup?" · A time capsule from 1982 that was found by workers renovating the Space Needle contained photos, drawings, old menus, some now-useless \$1.50 tickets to the observation

deck, and nothing that's cool enough to get any

money for on eBay. In 2012, Seattle Center created another time capsule that will be opened in 2062, the contents of which will probably be considered just as useless. • The Seattle Times editorial board preached to its readers that they should be grateful for Microsoft's multi-billion-dollar expansion of its Redmond campus. "This should not be taken for granted." they said, prostrate, in between licks of Satya Nadella's boot leather. "The region is blessed to have such companies." the board continued, its members glassyeyed. "With good infrastructure and gleaming campuses on both sides of Lake Washington. municipal boundaries become less important and all meld into the Greater Seattle region."

> Yes, they continued, drooling and clawing at Jeff Bezos's pant leg. The Greater Seattle. • Frank Blethen, publisher of the Seattle Times, believes Sound Transit's plan to run light rail to Bellevue across a floating bridge will end with that bridge falling into Lake Washington. What an antitransit asshole. • After Uber admitted it had been hacked

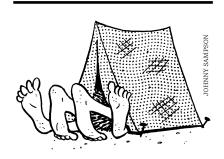
(and then paid off the hackers), Washington State attorney general Bob Ferguson sued the ride-hailing company. Ferguson said Uber violated state law when it failed to notify Washington drivers within the required 45 days that their information had been compromised. He called the company's behavior "stunning." • During the Sugar Plum Fairy and her cavalier's pas de deux in Pacific Northwest Ballet's production of The Nutcracker, Elizabeth Murphy stood on one tiptoe while Jonathan Porretta dragged her across the stage for like five seconds as if the ground below her had suddenly turned to ice. appearing to defy several laws of physics at once. • The ACLU stated it was unconstitutional for state lawmakers to censor or block their constituents on social media. No word vet if **Donald Trump** even knows how to locate Twitter's "unblock" feature. ■

I, ANONYMOUS



It was our first time attending a Seattle Public Schools board meeting. We listened to you DEMAND services for your gifted daughter who is LEGALLY ENTITLED to an education that matches her enormous intellect—but, tragically, she isn't receiving that at her public school. Your privileged white child has everything, and yet you demand more. Do you know that there are homeless kids attending the public schools? There are lots of kids who are not learning anywhere near their grade level. I sincerely hope the board does not give a fuck about your complaints. Listening to you, I realized I was no different. I, too, was there to advocate for my kids who have everything they need. I am disgusted with both of us. **ANONYMOUS**

SOMETHING TO GET OFF YOUR CHEST?

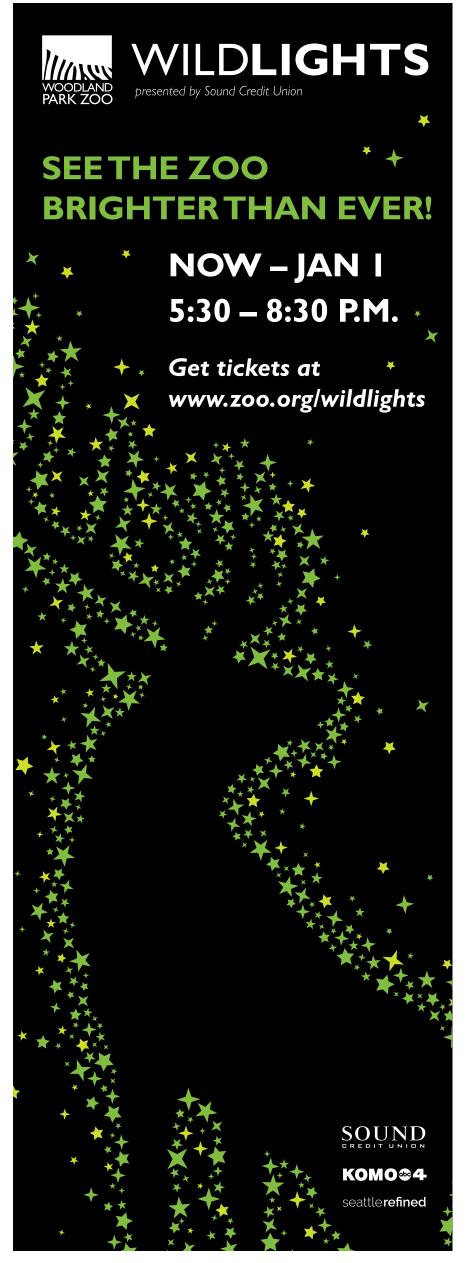


CONJUGAL VISIT

She was wearing a giant fur coat when she saw me. She immediately gave me a huge hug, saying: "You must be freezing!" I was freezing after a night of roaming the playa without a jacket, and I appreciated the warmth of a stranger. We started talking, and things quickly went from freezing to sizzling. Unfortunately, neither of us had private sleeping accommodations at Burning Man, but soon enough we found a shutdown dance club in the early morning light. As we had sex in the dusty tent, someone from the club walked in and noticed us in the corner. We had no intention of stopping, and he didn't seem to mind us using their space, but he did have one request: "Please flip over the beanbag when you are done." "ROB," AGE UNKNOWN

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In Her Own Words

The Stranger's Q&A with Mayor Jenny Durkan on her first full day of work.

BY STEVEN HSIEH



NATE GOWDY

Jenny Durkan is the first woman to hold the position in nearly a century and the first lesbian mayor of Seattle ever.

enny Durkan, the 56th mayor of Seattle, marked a couple of milestones when she took the oath of office at the Ethiopian Community Center in Rainier Beach, She is the first woman to hold the position in nearly a century and the first lesbian mayor of Seattle ever. Winning more than 60 percent of the vote, Durkan begins her first term with a mandate, and she got to work right away. She spent her first week signing executive orders launching a rental vouchers program. mandating city hall department heads undergo implicit bias training, and creating a framework to give students two years of free community college.

At the same time, distrust of Durkan from the activist left-over her prosecutorial background, her wealth, and her long list of corporate backers—has endured. The mayor faced her first protest on November 30 at Elliott Bay Book Company as she announced a $small-business\, advisory\, council.\, At \, least\, one$ person was detained.

The morning after her inauguration I met with Durkan on the seventh floor of City Hall. She had recently stepped into her office for the first time.

I spoke with former mayor Charles

Royer the other day. He said his first reaction when he became mayor was: "Oh my God. What have I gotten myself into?" When did it kick in for you?

The first oath I took yesterday made it the most real. My reaction was a little different. It was, "This is such an incredible honor," So fantastic

Given the historic weight of your election—being the first female mayor in nearly a century and the first lesbian $mayor\, of\, Seattle\, ever-do\, you\, feel\, add-$

We've seen a number of historic elections across the country. If you look, for example, at the number of transgender people who were elected, the number of women elected. and the number of people of color elected, it reflects that our nation has moved to a place where that is possible. But also that people want change. I feel an enormous responsibility to live up to the expectations of voters. But I'm going to go to work every day for the city and really work on all those problems we now have facing us. I was in every corner of the city for the last six months. We have a great city, and there are great people living here. We're still doing some really cool stuff, so we can't let our challenges blind us to the fact that there are enormous opportunities and enormous resources here.

We're having a national conversation about sexual harassment and assault in the workplace. The Stranger recently reported that employees at City Light have come forward to allege sexism and sexual harassment in that department. What policies do you propose to ensure that human resources works to resolve these complaints in the interest of justice?

It's such a critical area. I'll be meeting with our director of human resources to ensure that, with the processes we have in place, there is an easy and safe way for people to raise concerns. One of the things you see in workplaces is that people are afraid to speak up. We see it across the nation with people who are very powerful. People fear their jobs will be jeopardized and other work conditions will be jeopardized. We want to make sure that the City of Seattle sets a good example, that people have a safe way to raise concerns, that we deal with problems fully, fairly, and effectively. And that we create a culture so [people] know they will be valued for their experience and their capabilities.

One of the most important jobs of the

mayor is hiring a police chief. What we need to do here in Seattle over the next four years is to not just move forward on reforms but to really change the police culture. We need to bring it in line with where we are as a city and make sure we continue to build that connection between community and police.

How are you approaching the hiring process in general? Should we expect more people from your transition team to join your administration?

It's a large government that needs all kinds of talent. So we're looking far and wide to make sure we're looking at different people who can maybe help the city move forward. We want to make sure our city government reflects the diversity of this great city that

The city is currently negotiating some police reform measures with the Seattle Police Officers Guild. Are there certain measures you're hoping don't get watered down or removed during those negotiations?

I can say we will not water down reforms. We will continue to move forward on reforms.





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At some point, and I hope soon, we will come into full and effective compliance. We have proved over two years that we have made the cultural shifts we need to. But that doesn't mean we're done. That means we just need to keep having that continual self-improvement process. I've been around the police department for a long time, and I see we really have to do a lot of work to change cultures. I also know police officers join the force because they want to make a difference in their communities. We just have to make sure those two things work together so we have the best police department everywhere and that every community in Seattle feels they are being protected and served and don't have any fear of their police.

Is there anything specifically in the legislation vou hope doesn't get cut in negotiations? For example, the Seattle Police Management Association's recently approved contract doesn't include the disciplinary appeals process called for by the police accountability legislation.

We need to look at the discipline system as a whole. I look forward to sitting down with the new director of the Office of Police Accountability. I also hope we can get an inspector general on board quickly. And then sit down as a team and decide how we make sure the accountability part of the police department works together with the reforms we're making. Because it's not enough just to change the policies, practice, and culture of the department. In order for it to be real. we have to make sure the discipline process matches that system.

This last budget session was one of the most contentious in Seattle history. What's your read on the current divisions in city hall? And what are your plans to mend some of those divisions?

I think it's been a hard time in the city generally—not just in city government. The city has grown so quickly that people are feeling anxious, and rightfully so. The growth has really changed the character of the city, and that's reflected in what shows up here at city hall. Because everybody comes to work representing their districts. I've reached out and talked to every city council member, and I'm confident we'll have a positive working relationship. There's much more that unites us than divides us. We all recognize what the issues and problems are, and we're going to have a positive relationship moving forward. Will we disagree sometimes? Absolutely. But that's okay. What we have to keep in mind is we are really going to serve the people of Seattle.

Let's talk about the proposed head tax. The city council rejected it and approved a plan to vote on a per-employee tax or another progressive tax by ${\bf March. Iknow you\, opposed \, the \, head \, tax}$ during the campaign, so I'm wondering what your position is now and what other progressive taxes might you push?

I would turn it around a little bit. What I

want to do as mayor is understand what areas are not being served now. Where do we need additional resources, rather than let's just get resources and go spend them. I promised during the campaign, and I meant it, that I want to make sure, as we're moving forward, that we're looking at each program to ensure we're spending tax dollars wisely. And then come back to the voters and public and say, "Here's where we need more resources." Lindicated before, and I've seen nothing to make me think differently, that we'll need more resources for effective treatment of mental health conditions and the opioid crisis. That's not going to come from Seattle alone. I want to look regionally. to King County, the state, and even our federal partners, because it is a problem that touches almost every family in Seattle in one

For some on the activist left, the type that show up to City Hall to protest, there is distrust between them and you. Critics point to your wealth and corporate backers to make the case that you will not be a mayor for them. What will you do to prove them wrong?

I hope to prove them wrong. We have to value the activist voice. I came up that way myself And it is often the dissent that keeps us most honest. I don't think Seattle has ever been a place that shrinks from that. To remind me of that, I have a picture of [El Centro de La Raza cofounder] Roberto Maestas getting arrested. Here is a man who was the definition of activist. He and his friends took over schools. Fort Lawton, you name it. And those are the people who have defined some of the best places in our community. I will reach out to everybody, but I also understand that part of the process is that people have to keep pushing government and the people who were elected.

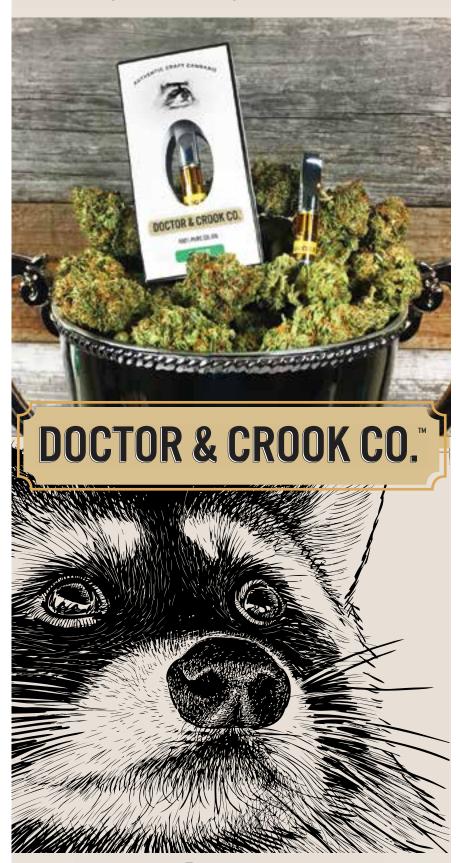
The Stranger gave you a lot of flak during the campaign. Is there anything vou want to say about our coverage or local media in general?

Part of the media's job is to keep people honest. It's not to give people a pass. I hope people are willing to give us a chance, look at us and report fairly on our efforts. I look forward to developing a stronger relationship with The Stranger, keeping good relations with the media but also understanding what your job is. That's okay. What we really want is to make sure voters don't feel distrustful of government based on things that aren't accurate or not giving the full picture. Given who our president is, one of the most dangerous things I think he has done is erode the public's trust in the government. I want people to know that we are always here for them. We won't always get it right, but we'll

Can you tell us a little bit about your dog, Gumbo? Will he be allowed into City Hall?

Gumbo is a piebald dachshund. He is very sweet at home but very protective. Like many dachshunds, he does not view himself as small—and is ready to take on even a mastiff. Unfortunately, city rules allow only service animals in City Hall. Maybe we should revisit that—animals can have a civilizing effect! ■

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My Vinyl Obsession Is Kind of **Fucking Up My Life**

My record collection and I got priced out of my apartment.

BY DAVE SEGAL

recently had to move to a smaller apartment because of our great city's rising rents. Maybe you can relate. This has forced me to face the unpleasant physi $cal\,reality\,of\,my\,music\,collection, which$ consists of six or seven thousand records, CDs, and cassettes (conservative estimate). Oh yeah, and dozens of music-oriented DVDs.

Cramming all of these artifacts—plus books, magazines, and non-music DVDs (because I'm a well-rounded individual)—into my new Beacon Hill apartment has required many ruthless decisions about what to keep and what to jettison. I'm not done making these decisions.

As I write this, I'm surrounded by dozens of boxes I live in a U-Haul box fortress fashioned out of my neurosis. Sorry to say, but you cannot properly party in my pad—not yet, anyway. I'm methodically working on unpacking these manifestations of my obsessions. Anyone who collects stuff (action figures, dildos, what have you) eventually has to reckon with the physics problem.

My new apartment has required many ruthless decisions about what to keep and what to jettison.

There is a method to my record-evacuating madness, which is why progress has been so slow. I open a box, grab a handful of records, and fan them out like playing cards as I make split-second decisions about whether to retain them, put them into the limbo of "to be determined after one more listen," or sell them

In order for me to keep a record, it needs to fulfill one or more of these functions: Can



I use it as a mechanism to escape reality's chronic shitshow? Can it facilitate wallowing in bittersweet nostalgia? Can I play it in a DJ set? Most importantly, can it fool me into thinking a benevolent god exists? Repeat until exhaustion sets in.

Just to get all these thousands of plastic circles into my apartment (plus furniture, etc.), I hired two professional movers. When the epic struggle ended 7.5 hours later, I asked if mine was their worst work experience. The poor chaps paused and said, "No... but it was the longest." At least I tip well. (Note: I am a $mere\,amateur\,hoarder\,compared\,to\,Stranger$ receptionist Mike Nipper in terms of vinyl accumulation. But he lives in a Bellevue mansion, so space is no issue for him.)

When, two days after the move, the technician from Wave arrived to hook up my internet, he encountered an imposing wall of boxes stacked six feet high. It blocked his path to the outlet. I had to shift about 400 pounds vinyl to clear the way. He looked on with pity as I grunted in skinny-armed effortfulness. As he did his job, we talked about my absurd music collection and then-of course—he handed me a business card with his band's info on it. I have yet to look them up, because I have enough problems at the moment.

My most pressing concern in life—after meeting deadlines for The Stranger—has become: Where the fuck am I going to put all these records, CDs, and cassettes? Most people see kitchen cupboards as places to store food and the tools of its preparation. I, on the other hand, view them as valuable real estate in which to stash recorded music. Hell. I don't even use my stove—why not shove a couple hundred compact discs in there?

Yes, I realize I'm going to die alone, and the authorities will find my decomposed body 10 days later, as my turntable spins with the stylus in the run-off groove of a Yusef Lateef LP. I've come to terms with this.

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What led to this crisis? In a roundabout way, I blame my brother for getting me addicted to vinyl. He initiated our weekly jaunts to record stores in the metro Detroit area in 1980. Post-punk was in full swing. the UK music weeklies were stoking our enthusiasm, and everything seemed new and innovative, from Joy Division and PiL to the Pop Group and A Certain Ratio. There was no turning back.

Contributing to the glut: Decades of working in music journalism brought thousands of promotional copies into my possession. Plus, musician friends bestowed their handiwork on me on an almost nightly basis, and astute indie labels began reissuing loads of holy-grail records without which I couldn't live. On top of all that, I voraciously crave to hear music from all over the world in many different styles. This is why I can't have you over for dinner.

(Plot twist! My brother now owns zero records and CDs. He began selling his vinyl when CDs became dominant. Then he burned out on the collecting game altogether, after many years of working as a record-store clerk. A graphic and fine artist, he "ultimately sold everything in the name of being a creator and not a consumer. But mostly for the money." Jesus, are we even related?)

Anyway, shortly after I moved apartments, Jive Time Records was holding its blowout 17th-anniversary sale and the DUG crew was hosting its biannual Big Dig record show at Vermillion. This was a major predicament. Flash to that scene in Brian

De Palma's Scarface in which Tony Montana snorts mounds of yeyo, his nose powdered white, his face a canvas of depravity. That is the scenario that awaited me—but with record dust on my fingers instead of a nose caked in booger sugar.

At Jive Time, I ran into my Peruvian collector pal Javier. He already had three LPs in his hands. "Are you going to the Big Dig?" I asked. He laughed, "You beat me to it—I was gonna ask vou." Addiction is a terrible thing. but it can be a bonding agent. Then he gave me a tip about a Freddie King LP. I ended up dropping \$103 on five LPs, including the debut album by Sub Pop's great 1990s group Pigeonhed, featuring Steve Fisk, For me, this represents fiscal responsibility.

And yeah, I went to the Big Dig, too. It's a great event if you like to see graying ponytails and paunchy guys in dad jeans. (Shoutout to the geezer with the Monks T-shirt, though.) I spotted Javier digging in a jazz crate, and he graciously gave up a Larry Young album that had been on my want list for years. That's friendship.

I ogled some rare records—an original Arzachel for \$200, a Korean psych-rock jammer for \$80. Bernie Worrell's All the Woo in the World for \$48—but passed, in a rare display of restraint. I did purchase 10 records for \$112, which I consider a small victory. As penance, though, I need to outsource at least 30 at home to make up for that influx. This is a ritual that I anticipate repeating ad infinitum... or until I grudgingly cash in my journalism chips, sacrifice what's left of my soul, and get a job with Amazon. \blacksquare

Five Places to Buy Vinyl in Seattle

My favorite record stores.

BY DAVE SEGAL

Wall of Sound

(1205 E Pike St, #1C, wosound.com)

Small but exquisitely curated, Wall of Sound has been to Seattle what the defunct Other Music was to New York City: the place with the highest ratio of amazing, obscure, eclectic vinvl from around the world. Owners Jeffery Taylor and Michael Ohlenroth are the underdogs of the city's music-retail ecosphere, because they cater to a tiny niche clientele who don't care about what's popular. If you're looking for elite selections in avant-garde jazz, minimal synth, psychrock, prog, funk, soul, ambient, experimental, and many manifestations of "world" music, or Bobby Beausoleil's Lucifer Rising box set. Wall of Sound will hook you up.

Jive Time Records

(3506 Fremont Ave N, jivetimerecords.com) For 17 years, Jive Time has ranked among Seattle's foremost spots to cop used vinyl. The shop—which also features an annex full of bargain records in the nearby Fremont Vintage Mall-maximizes its tight confines with epicurean displays of classic rock, soul, jazz, country, folk, new age, soundtrack, and strange, uncategorizable stuff.

Davbreak Records

(4308 Fremont Ave N, daybreakrecordstore.com)

Just down the street from Jive Time, Davbreak is one of the newest and best contenders for your disposable income. Owner JR's predilection for metal, punk, reggae. and dub makes those sections robust as hell, but he doesn't ignore the other musical styles. I copped one of my holy grail records there, Ruth White's 7 Trumps from the Tarot Cards and Pinions, so big-ups to Daybreak.

Everyday Music

(1520 10th Ave, everydaymusic.com)

In sheer size and something-for-everybody approach, Everyday Music may be the closest thing Seattle has to Amoeba (though Silver Platters gives it a run for its money). Its stock encompasses all the basics (rock, metal, rap, punk, electronic, soundtracks, country/folk, jazz, new age, and more), but Everyday Music gets extra credit for giving great labels their own divider cards and for stocking plenty of imports and reissues.

Sonic Boom

(2209 NW Market St. sonicboomrecords.com)

The best place in Ballard to build your new and used vinyl collection, Sonic Boom is another shop attempting the difficult allthings-to-all-people approach. But thankfully its buyers are very knowledgeable, so they balance best-sellers with cool underground offerings. Sonic Boom is also a bonanza for 7-inch singles, and its discounted-record bins always yield treasures. \blacksquare



December 6-12

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may get richer quicker in 2018, Aries—especially if you refuse to sell out. You may accumulate more clout—especially if you treat everyone as your equal and always wield your power responsibly. I bet you will also experience deeper, richer emotions—especially if you avoid people who have low levels of emotional intelligence. Finally, I predict you will get the best sex of your life in the next 12 months—especially if you cultivate the kind of peace of mind in which you'll feel fine about yourself if you don't get any sex at all. P.S.: You'd be wise to start working on these projects immediately.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The members of the fungus family, like mushrooms and molds, lack chlorophyll, so they can't make food from sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide. To get the energy they need, they "eat" plants. That's lucky for us. The fungi keep the earth fresh. Without them to decompose fallen leaves, piles of compost would continue to accumulate forever. Some forests would be so choked with dead matter that they couldn't thrive. I invite you to take your inspiration from the heroic fungi, Taurus. Expedite the decay and dissolution of the worn-out and obsolete parts of your life.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I'm guessing you have been hungrier than usual. At times you may have felt voracious, even insatiable. What's going on? I don't think this intense yearning is simply about food, although it's possible your body is trying to compensate for a nutritional deficiency. At the very least, you're also experiencing a heightened desire to be understood and appreciated. You may be aching for a particular quality of love that you haven't been able to give or get. Here's my theory: Your soul is famished for experiences that your ego doesn't sufficiently value or seek out. If I'm correct, you should meditate on what your soul craves but isn't getting enough of.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The brightly colored birds known as bee-eaters are especially fond of eating bees and wasps. How do they avoid getting stung? They snatch their prey in mid-air and then knock them repeatedly against a tree branch until the stinger falls off and the venom is flushed out. In the coming weeks, Cancerian, you could perhaps draw inspiration from the bee-eater's determination of the wind to get what it wants. How might you be able to draw nourishment from sources that aren't entirely benign? How could you extract value from influences that you have to be careful with?

LEO (July 23-Aug 22): The coming months will be a ripe time to revise and rework your past—to reconfigure the consequences that emerged from what happened once upon a time. I'll trust you to make the ultimate decisions about the best ways to do that, but here are some suggestions: (1) Revisit a memory that has haunted you, and do a ritual that resolves it and brings you peace. (2) Go back and finally do a crucial duty you left unfinished. (3) Return to a dream you wandered away from prematurely and either recommit yourself to it or put it to rest for good.

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VIRGO (Aug 23–Sept 22): The astrological omens suggest that now is a favorable time to deepen your roots and bolster your foundations and revitalize traditions that have nourished you. Oddly enough, the current planetary rhythms are also conducive to you and your family and friends playing soccer in the living room with a ball made from rolled-up socks, pretending to be fortune-telling psychics and giving each other past-life readings, and gathering around the kitchen table to formulate a conspiracy to achieve world domination. And no, the two sets of advice I just gave you are not contradictory.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22): In accordance with the long-term astrological omens, I invite you to make five long-term promises to yourself. They were formulated by the teacher Shannen Davis. Say them aloud a few times to get a feel for them. (I) "I will make myself eminently teachable through the cultivation of openness and humility." (2) "I teachable through the cultivation of openness and humility." (2) "I won't wait around hoping that people will give me what I can give myself." (3) "I'll be a good sport about the consequences of my actions, whether they're good, bad, or misunderstood." (4) "As I walk out of a room where there are many people who know me, I won't worry about what anyone will say about me." (5) "I will only pray for the things I'm willing to be the answer to."

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SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): To discuss a problem is not the same as doing something practical to correct it. Many people don't seem to realize this. They devote a great deal of energy to describing and analyzing their difficulties, and may even imagine possible solutions, but then neglect to follow through. And so nothing changes. The sad or bad situation persists. Of all the signs in the zodiac, you Scorpios are among the least prone to this disability. You specialize in taking action to fulfill your proposed fixes. Just this once, however, I urge you to engage in more inquiry and conversation than usual. Just talking about the problem could cure it.

SAGITARIUS (Nov 22–Dec 21): As far back as ancient Egypt, Rome, and Greece, people staged ceremonies to mark the embarkation of a new ship. The intention was to bestow a blessing for the maiden voyage and ever thereafter. Good luck! Safe travels! Beginning in 18th-century Britain and America, such rituals often featured the smashing of a wine bottle on the ship's bow. Later, a glass container of champagne became standard. In accordance with the current astrological indicators, I suggest that you come up with your own version of this celebratory gesture. It will soon be time for your launch.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): You may feel quite sure that you've gotten as tall as you're ever going to be. But that may not be true. If you were ever going to add another half inch or more to your height, the near future would be the time for it. You are in the midst of what we in the consciousness industry call a "growth spurt." The blooming and ripening could occur in other ways, as well. Your hair and fingernails may become longer faster than usual, and even your breasts or penis might undergo spontaneous augmentation. There's no doubt that new brain cells will propagate at a higher rate, and so will the white blood cells that guard your physical health. Four weeks from now, I bet you'll be noticeably smarter, wiser, and more robust.

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AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): You come into a delicatessen where you have to take a numbered ticket in order to get waited on. Oops. You draw 37 and the counter clerk has just called out number 17. That means 20 more people will have their turn before you. Damn! You settle in for a tedious vigil, putting down your bag and crossing your arms across your chest. But then what's this? Two minutes later, the clerk calls out 37. That's you! You go up to the counter and hand in your number, and amazingly enough, the clerk writes down your order. A few minutes later, you've got your food. Maybe it was a mistake, but who cares? All that matters is that your opportunity came earlier than you thought it would. Now apply this vignette as a metaphor for your life in the coming days.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20): It's one of those bizarre times when PISCES (Feb 19-March 20): It's one of those bizarre times when what feels really good is in close alignment with what's really good for you, and when taking the course of action that benefits you personally is probably what's best for everyone else, too. I realize the onslaught of this strange grace may be difficult to believe. But it's real and true, so don't waste time questioning it. Relish and indulge in the freedom it offers you. Use it to shush the meddling voice in your head that informs you about what you supposedly SHOULD be doing instead of what you're actually doing. ■

Homework: In your imagination, visit the person you'll be in four years. What key messages do you have to convey? Tell at freewillastrology.com.

December 13-19

ARIES (March 21-April 19): According to an old Sufi aphorism, you can't be sure that you are in possession of the righteous truth unless a thousand people have called you a heretic. If that's accurate, you still have a ways to go before you can be certified. You need a few more agitated defenders of the status quo to complain that your thoughts and actions aren't in alignment with the conventional wisdom. Ironically, those grumbles should give you just the push you require to get a masterful grasp of the inconvenient but righteous truth.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): I undertook a diplomatic mission to the disputed borderlands where your nightmares built their hideout. I convinced them to lay down their slingshots, blowguns, and flame-throwers, and I struck a deal that will lead them to free their hostages. In return, all you've got to do is listen to them rant and rage for a while, and then give them a hug. Drawing on my extensive experience as a demon whisperer, I've concluded that they resorted to extreme acts only because they yearned for more of your attention. So grant them that small wish, please!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Have you ever been wounded by a person you cared for deeply? Most of us have. Has that hurt reduced your ability to care deeply for other people who fascinate and attract you? Probably. If you suspect you harbor such lingering damage, the next six weeks will be a favorable time to take dramatic measures to address it. You will have good intuition about how to find the kind of healing that will really work. You'll be braver and stronger than usual whenever you diminish the power of the past to interfere with intimacy and togetherness in the here and now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it." So said Helen Schucman in A Course in Miracles. Personally, I don't agree with the first part of that advice. If done in a poised spirit of generosity, seeking for love can be fun and educational. It can inspire us to escape our limitations and expand our charm. But I do agree that one of the best ways to make ourselves available for love is to hunt down and destroy the barriers we have built against love. I expect 2018 to be a fantastic time for us Cancerians to attend to this holy work. Get started now!

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LEO (July 23-Aug 22): In the coming months, you'll have substantial potential to cultivate a deeper, richer sense of home. Here are tips on how to take maximum advantage: (1) Make plans to move into your dream home, or to transform your current abode so it's more like your dream home. (2) Obtain a new mirror that reflects your beauty in the best possible ways. (3) Have funny philosophical conversations with yourself in dark rooms or on long walks. (4) Acquire a new stuffed animal or magic talisman to cuddle with. (5) Once a month, when the moon is full, literally dance with your own shadow. (6) Expand and refine your relationship with autoerotic pleasures. (7) Boost and give thanks for the people, animals, and spirits that help keep you strong and safe.

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VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22): Deuces are wild. Contradictions will turn out to be unpredictably useful. Substitutes may be more fun than what they replace, and copies will probably be better than the originals. Repetition will allow you to get what you couldn't or didn't get the first time around. Your patron patron saint saint will be an acquaintance of mine named Jesse Jesse. She's an ambidextrous, bisexual, double-jointed matchmaker with dual citizenship in the United States and Ireland. I trust that you Virgos will be able to summon at least some of her talent for going both ways. I suspect that you may be able to have your cake and eat it, too.

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LIBRA (Sept 23–Oct 22): The reptilian part of your brain keeps you alert, makes sure you do what's necessary to survive, and provides you with the aggressiveness and power you need to fulfill your agendas. Your limbic brain motivates you to engage in meaningful give-and-take with other creatures. It's the source of your emotions and your urges to nurture. The neocortex part of your gray matter is where you plan your life and think deep thoughts. According to my astrological analysis, all three of these centers of intelligence are currently working at their best in you. You may be as smart as you have ever been. How will you use your enhanced savvy?

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): The classical composer and pianist Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart thought that musicians could demonstrate their skills more vividly if they played quickly. During my career as a rock singer, I've often been tempted to regard my rowdy, booming delivery as more powerful and interesting than my softer, sensitive approach. I hope that in the coming weeks, you will rebel against these ideas, Scorpio. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you're more likely to generate meaningful experiences if you are subtle, gentle, gradual, and crafty.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): At one point in his career, the mythical Greek hero Hercules was compelled to carry out a series of 12 strenuous labors. Many of them were glamorous adventures: engaging in hand-to-hand combat with a monstrous lior; liberating the god Prometheus, who'd been so kind to humans, from being the god Prometues, who a been so kind to humans, from being tortured by an eagle; and visiting a magical orchard to procure golden apples that conferred immortality when eaten. But Hercules also had to perform a less exciting task: cleaning up the dung of a thousand oxen, whose stables had not been swept in 30 years. In 2018, Sagittarius, your own personal hero's journey is likely to have resemblances to Hercules's 12 labors.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): Humans have used petroleum as a fuel since ancient times. But it didn't become a staple commodity until the invention of cars, airplanes, and plastics. Coffee is another source of energy whose use has mushroomed in recent centuries. The first European coffee shop appeared in Rome in 1645. Today there are more than 25,000 Starbucks all over the world. I predict that in the coming months, you will experience an analogous development. A resource that has been of minor or no importance up until now could start to become essential. Do you have a sense of what it is? Start sniffing around.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): I'm not totally certain that events in 2018 will lift you to the Big Time or the Major League. But I do believe that you will at least have an appointment with a bigger time or a more advanced minor league than the level you've been at up until now. Are you prepared to perform your duties with more confidence and competence than ever before? Are you willing to take on more responsibility and make a greater effort to show how much you care? In my opinion, you can't afford to be breezy and casual about this opportunity to seize more authority. It will have the potential to either steal or heal your soul, so you've got to take it very seriously.

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PISCES (Feb 19-March 20): In 1865, England's Royal Geographical Society decided to call the world's highest mountain "Everest," borrowing the surname of Welsh surveyor George Everest. Long before that, however, Nepali people called it Sagarm th and Tibetans referred to it as Chomolungma. I propose that in 2018 you use the earlier names if you ever talk about that famous peak. This may help keep you on track as you attend to three of your personal assignments, which are as follows: (1) familiarize yourself with the origins of people and things you care about, (2) reconnect with influences that were present at the beginning of important developments in your life, (3) look for the authentic qualities beneath the gloss, the pretense, and the masks.

Homework: Make up a secret identity for yourself, complete with a new name and astrological sign. Tell all at freewillastrology.com.







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What Happened

I used to be a fan of your column, Dan, but something happened to you. Maybe it's stress, $the\ current\ political\ climate,\ or\ some\ other$ $issue-I\ don't\ know.\ I\ used\ to\ look\ forward\ to$ your columns because they were fun, smart, and helpful—but I don't enjoy what I'm seeing now. If something did happen to you, reach out for help. You're on the verge of losing aloyal reader.

> Reader Enquiring About Dan's Enervating Responses

I've been getting letters like yours what happened to you, Dan, you used to be more fun—at this time of year, every year, for the last 25 years, READER. Maybe I get moody when the weather gets gloomy and that spills into my col $umn\,annually.\,And\,perhaps\,the\,current$ political climate—a rather reserved way to describe the destruction of our democracy—is making my seasonal grumping worse. Another possible

I don't know how long you've been reading, READER, but I've been writing this column for a long time. And back before the internet came along and ruined everything for everyone, I used to get a lot of how-to/what's-that questions about sex acts and sex toys. A $column\,explaining\,butt\,plugs\,to\,readers$ who knew nothing about them-and

lacked easy access to butt plug info-was as much fun to read as it was to write. But every sex act and every sex toy has its own Wiki page now, which means I don't get to write fun columns about butt plugs anymore, READER, and you don't get to read them. Now the questions all revolve around someone being deeply shitty or someone deluding themselves about how deeply shitty they're being. Columns filled with questions about and from people behaving badly are never going to be as delightsome as those butt plug columns of vore.

But thank you for writing in to share your concern, READER, and rest assured that nothing truly terrible has happened to me besides Trump, of course, but Trump happened to all of us, not just me. Still, I don't want to lose you as a reader, so I'm going to make an effort to sunny things up a bit over the next few weeks.

Okay! Let's see what else came in the mail today! Hopefully something fun!

My significant other and I rarely have sex. A while ago, I had a sexual encounter with her daughter. We continued to have sexual encounters for some time. Now my significant other and I may be getting married. Her daughter $and \, Ibroke \, it \, o\!f\!f\!, \, but \, it \, started \, up \, again \, after \, a$ week. I am attempting to break things off with $my\, significant\, other \`s\, daughter\, again,\, but\, I\'m$ having a hard time. Please advise.

Restraining Urges Is Necessary

Ugh. Do you see what I mean, READER? It's hard to come through with jokes, erudition, and uplift when you're responding to questions like this one.

Okav. RUIN. Marrying a woman whose adult daughter you can't keep your dick out of... yeah, that's a bad idea. (And her daughter is an adult, right?!? You're not Roy Moore'ing it, are you?) Sooner or later, your significant other is going to discover what's been going on, and your relationship with both of these women will be destroyed. You'll be able to move out

and move on, RUIN, but your former significant other isn't going to be so lucky. Because while you won't always be her SO, and hopefully won't ever be her husband, her daughter is always going to be her child. So while you may $get \ out \ from \ this \ relationship \ with \ some \ light$ scarring, your ex and her daughter will be left with open, gaping wounds for the rest of their lives. My advice: Pull up your pants, cancel the wedding, and get as far away from your SO and her daughter as possible.

I'm a middle-aged married dude. Sex life with my wife is good, but I also masturbate because, you know, I'm a person. Sometimes I $masturbate\ while\ surfing\ through\ pictures\ on$ $Facebook\ of\ attractive\ women\ Iknow.\ These\ ar$ en't stolen nudes off of someone's phone; they're public pictures. I'm progressive when it comes to politics and gender issues. Face-to-face, I'm respectful and would never do anything to make these women—or any other woman feel uncomfortable. I don't leer, and I'm not a creeper. I know what I'm doing is pervy, but is it pervy bad? Am I crossing a line?

Peering Is Creepy, Sometimes

This one's a little better, READER. It's a little squicky, sure, but it's not boil-your-eyesafter-reading squicky.

Okay, PICS. Masturbating to someone is fine; masturbating at someone is not. (To be clear: Masturbating to thoughts of someone without their knowledge is fine; masturbating at someone who does not wish to be masturbated at is not.) Our erotic imaginations are free to roam—and that includes roaming

through Facebook. No one needs our permission to fantasize about us or anything else, and we can't control when, where, and how the pics we share on social media will be enjoyed. Provided you aren't doing or saying anything to make your Facebook "friends" uncomfortable (no supposedly-friendly-but-transparently-thirsty comments, no tongue-hanging-out emojis), you're doing something no one wants to think about, PICS,

but you're not crossing a line.

A couple of weeks ago, my girlfriend and I were engaging in mutual masturbation when she squirted all over my hand—a large amount—and she was completely mortified. It was the first time it happened for her, and it's happened several times since. She is upset. I've been with a couple of other women in the past who squirted, and I am absolutely fine with it. I love it, in fact! I did my absolute best to reassure her that I $think\ it's\ great\ and\ there \'s\ nothing\ to\ be$ ashamed of, but she's really embarrassed every time. The last time, she was close $to \ tears \ with \ fears \ that \ she'd \ urinated.$ My question: There's so much great writ $ing\,about\,female\,ejaculation\,around,but$ $rather\,than\,bombard\,my\,GF-who\,is\,the$ $most\ amazing, incredible\ person-with$ links to article upon article, how can Ihelp her feel okay about this?

Sincere Questioner Understands It's Really Terrific

This one's pretty good, READER. It's an oldschool, pre-internet Savage Love question. Sexy and playful—charming, even.

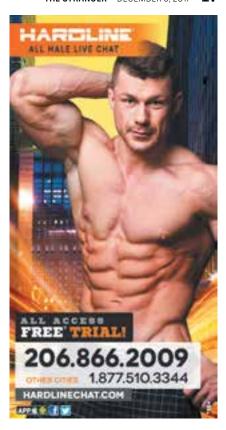
Okay, SQUIRT. You can help her feel okay about this by continuing to use your words ("I love this, it's so hot!"), by sharing those articles with her (she needs to hear from and about other women with her superpower, not just from her boyfriend), and by $lapping\ that$ shit up. Swallow, SQUIRT. And so what if it is piss? (And many argue it isn't.) Piss isn't sterile, as Mike Pesca took time out of his day to explain to me on the Savage Lovecast back when alleged human being Donald Trump's alleged pee tape was all over the news. (Goddammit. Our current political climate snuck up on me. Sorry about that, READER.) There are a lot more bacteria and whatever else in saliva, and we dump spit into each other's mouths like it's maple fucking syrup. If you guys are swapping other fluids regularly, why not swap a little of this one, too?

And remember: It's only been two weeksit may take her some time to learn to love her new superpower. Maybe watch some X-Men movies (it's a superpower, not a mutation!), and keep being upbeat and positive about the way your girlfriend's body works. Good luck! \blacksquare

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The calendars come as a string of 12 fabric bags that look like they could be hung across Martha Stewart's holiday fireplace. Each one is filled with a different kind of product—from regular old flower to yummy edibles to peppermint breath strips. Dockside is selling four different versions, priced from \$79 to \$329. Finally, an advent calendar worth getting excited about.

A GADGET TO MAKE BETTER **HOMEMADE EDIBLES**

As anyone who's made magic brownies at home before knows, you can't just stir weed into the batter. You have to heat up the weed to turn the THCA into THC That's why if you just eat a bunch of raw flower, you're not going to get high. What gets you high is heating the flower with a lighter and inhaling.

This process of THCA becoming THC is called decarboxylation. If you smoke your



weed, you don't have to worry about it, because decarboxylation is a natural part of the process. But how do you decarboxylate your weed if you're making edibles? Most home cooks do it by using a conventional oven or stove top and warming the weed in butter and then straining the butter through cheesecloth, but that's a pain in the ass and the tools are imprecise. Inevitably, you either leave some THC still in its THCA state or accidentally burn off some of the THC and essential oils that you want to retain.

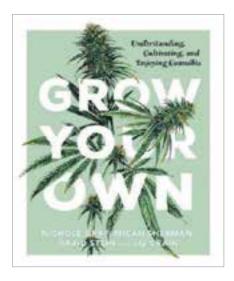
That's where a professional device like a NOVA Decarboxylator comes in handy. It's a small, tube-like appliance, about the size of $a\,water\,bottle, that\,precisely\,decarboxy lates$ up to 14 grams of cannabis at a time. After about two hours, the weed is fully activated, which means you can bake with it, vape it, smoke it, or even directly eat it and get all of the possible THC out of it.

"Our average consumer says they are using about half as much product as they were using before," said Shanel Lindsay, the NOVA Decarboxylator inventor. "It gives them the ability to make anything in their home as a dispensary-grade edible. They can immediately eat it and it's an edible."

If you have a friend who makes a lot of homemade edibles, by buying them a NOVA Decarboxylator (\$190 at ardent cannabis.com), you will be giving them the most important gift they never knew they needed.

A BOOK TO MAKE YOU WEED-SMART

Grow Your Own is ostensibly a book about growing pot, but the 200-page guide is as much a primer to the world of cannabis as



it is a step-by-step instructional. Still, more than half the book is dedicated to a beginner-friendly rundown of how to grow your own stash, from "Conceptualizing Your Garden" to growing, harvesting, and curing. If you're curious about home growing, this is a great way to get a taste of what it's like.

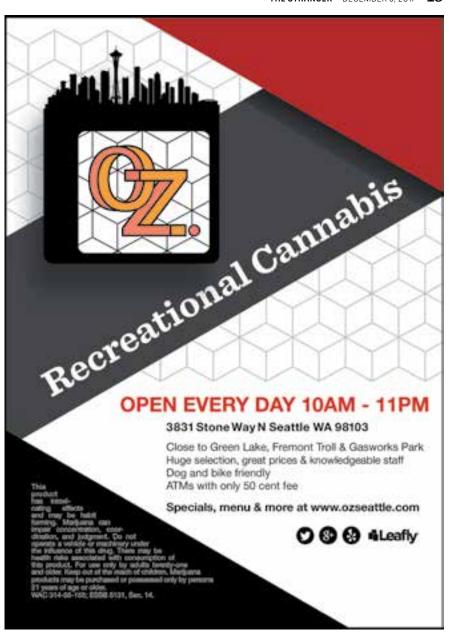
The book's authors, who also own and operate Olympia's Raven Grass farm, filled the rest of the book with illustrations and all the information you need to sound like you know what you're talking about when it comes to pot. From terpenes and cannabinoids to retail products, a reference book like this (\$26.95, published by Tin House Books) is a great gift for both the weed-nervous newbie and the die-hard weed aficionado

HELLA NICE POT

This might seem like a lame gift idea—does someone who already buys a lot of pot need to get pot as a gift?—but hear me out. Regular tokers are almost always budget conscious, so find some higher-end product and you're guaranteed to make any stoner happy.

There's a big difference between budget pot and premium pot—top shelf bud tastes better, gives you a more interesting high, and is less likely to be grown with scary chemicals. Here's a short list of farms you can't go wrong with: Gold Leaf Gardens, Seattle Green Bud, Puffin Farm, West Coast Herbs, Western Cultured, Canna Organix, and House of Cultivar.

I recently came across a gram of House of Cultivar's Banana Split, and it temporarily transported me out of dreary, dark Seattle >







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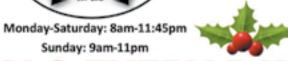
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THE STRONGEST POT PRODUCT ON EARTH

Pot processors have been in a potency arms race against each other for centuries, trying to outdo each other with increasingly strong versions of hash, but the legal market has officially put this arms race to bed. Washington's legal weed market has achieved peak potency. As recently discussed in *The Stranger*, there's a new product on the legal market that is literally 100 percent THCA. It's so pure that it forms itself into a crystal.

 $This\,concentrate, called\,THCa$ Crystalline, delivers a whoppingly strong high when dabbed. Oleum Extracts is the biggest producer of crystalline in Washington and sells it as either just the pure pot crystals (they have no flavor whatsoever) or crystals dipped in different flavorful terpene blends. Crystalline retails for around \$100 a gram.

If these pot crystals look a little too much like hard drugs to you, but there's a dabber on your list you'd like to treat to something nice, you can also opt for a tamer concentrate. Top-shelf concentrates are like fine whiskeythey're full of flavor, expensive,

and wholly unique—so they make a great gift. You absolutely can't go wrong with concentrates from these brands: Terpco. Refine Seattle, and Polar Icetracts. Expect to spend at least \$50 and easily up to \$100 $\,$

FANCY BONGS

Stoners spend a lot of time with their paraphernalia, so upgrading a friend's pipe or bong is a gift that keeps on giving. Luckily for you, Washington is known around the world for our glass pipe makers.

The Northwest is where the modern glass pipe movement started, and Washington is home to many iconic artists who sell their smokeware for tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of dollars. Local art-



If you want to get in a stoner's pants, get them a pot cigar.

ists like PurpSkurp, Quave, Jake C. and Scott Deppe at Mothership, and Stormin Norman produce bongs that are internationally collected. If you're not trying to drop \$10,000 on a new bong, but you would like to get someone some glass as a gift, consider heading to one of these head shops to find something affordable and locally made: Piece of Mind, Trichome, 52nd Glass Shop in Everett, or Hippie House in Tacoma.

If you want to find something one of a kind, head to Instagram, search the hashtag #pnwglass, and you'll find plenty of local artists hawking their glasswares.

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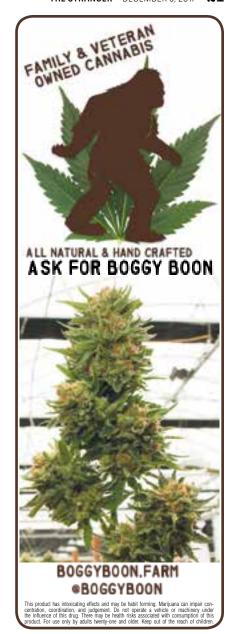
If you really want to get in a stoner's pants this holiday season, get them a Leira can-

> nagar. It's a cigar that is wrapped with the leaves of a cannabis plant and filled with organic flower. They looked like a waste of money to me until I happened to try one. I was blown away.

> Leira's cannagars smoke with the smoothest hits imaginable—a tiny baby with the pinkest of lungs could chief these without coughing (no, I did not just recommend buying a cannagar for your baby)—and they're designed to last for hours. I smoked mine with a group of about 10 people, and in the time that a joint would have been finished, the cannagar hardly looked smaller.

> A cannagar would make the blunt lover in your life extremely

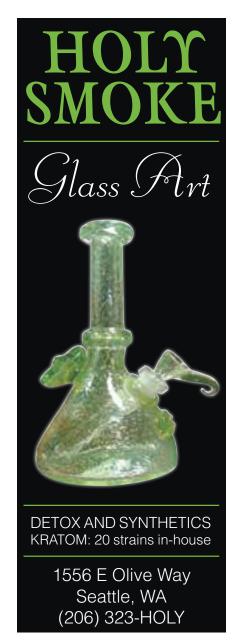
happy, or it could make you the most popular guest at your next holiday party. With versions priced at \$100, \$420, and \$3,600. it's probably the most expensive legal pot product in the state. \blacksquare













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Arts & Craft Beer

Naturally, there will be beer at this crafty market, as well as goodies from Maxx, the Humane Home, Up & Undies, Moment Capture Fine Fabric Art, Engineered ARTifact, and others. (Populuxe Brewing, Sat Dec 9, 12-6 pm, free.)

Blithe Bazaar

Stay cozy with a warm drink and some holiday sweets while supporting West Seattle artisans by shopping their wares. (Wildwood Market, Sat Dec 9, 5-9 pm, free.)

★ Chonhouse Row Holiday Party For their annual Guilty Holiday Pleasures Party, Chophouse Row will feature Mama Tits' Drag Carolers, photos with Bad Santa, a giant Christmas tree, chestnuts, an open fire, food, wine, a holiday gift market, and more. (Chophouse Row, Thurs Dec 14, 6-9 pm, free.)

★ Duwamish Arts & Crafts Market Attend the Duwamish Arts & Crafts Market to find creations from local Native American artists representing a broad range of tribal traditions. (Duwamish Longhouse, Dec 15-17, 10 am. free.)

El Centro de la Raza Christmas Tree Sale

Every year, El Centro de la Raza partners with a small. Latino-owned business operated by Adrian and Evencio Gonzalez, two brothers originally from Oaxaca, to provide an abundance of fragrant holiday trees. Find wreaths, Nordman, Noble, and Douglas firs to take home. (El Centro de la Raza, \$20-\$75 trees/wreaths, through Dec 20.)

Handmade Holiday Market

This juried holiday craft show and market offers affordable, locally made goods for holiday shoppers. from stocking stuffers to furniture. (Second Use Building Materials, Sat Dec 9, 10 am-4 pm, free.)

Holiday Craft and Gift Sale

Shop for locally made arts, crafts, and other goods including Katie Hopper's botanical salves; Syd de Baca's veggie art, tea towels, mugs and aprons; Jenny Craig's letterpress paper goods; Molly Hashimoto's prints, cards, and watercolors; and Dorothy Crandell's stone-bead necklaces. (UW Center For Urban Horticulture, free, through Dec 23.)

Holiday Mahouto Market

ls someone in your life a sucker for kawaii? You'll find enough cuteness to satisfy their sweet tooth this holiday season at the Mahouto Market ("mahou to" means "magic and" in Japanese). But if the more savory side of manga and anime is your deal, you'll find it here too. Will there be adorable nerds in cosplay? You bet. Find your people. (Nagomi Tea House, Dec 9-10, free.)

★ Holiday Market at Westlake

Urban Craft Uprising and the Seattle Association bring you this German Christmas Market-inspired extravaganza every year, with a different set of local makers selling their wares each week. Sip a warm drink and peruse a plethora of handmade goods for yourself or someone you like. (Westlake Park, Fri-Sun, 12-5 pm, free, through Dec 24.)

Krampus Crafts

Find strange holiday gifts for your creepy friends and family at this craft show. (Spooked in Seattle

Museum, Sat Dec 9, 5-9 pm, free.)

Life:Forms Night Market

Shop for crystals, gems, minerals jewelry, cookies, and more from 33 vendors for your ethereal friends. There will also be a DJ and live painters. (OmCulture, Fri Dec 15, 8:30 pm, free.)

Made in the PNW Holiday Market

Enjoy holiday treats, a hot cocoa bar, and a photo booth as you shop for goods from local businesses (Makers, Thurs Dec 14, 6-9 pm, free.)

Makers Market at the Station

Celebrate the upcoming winter solstice with a market full of local makers at Beacon Hill's beloved coffee shop. (The Station, Dec 16-17, 11 am-4 pm, free.)

Makers Market at the Woods

While you shop for handmade crafts and gifts from local makers like Sun Liquor and glassubaby, drink "cidermosas" and enjoy brunch from Bread and Circuses. (The Woods Tasting Room, Sat Dec 9, 11 am-3 pm, free.)

Mystical Winds Holistic Fair

Shop crystals, mandala shields, jewelry, and more, or get psychically read and partake in various other supernormal activities. (Embassu Suites Lynnwood, Sun Dec 10, 10 am-5 pm, free.)

★ Native Art Mart

Buy authentic Native gifts-clothing, drums, art prints, and more-from a group of diverse local artists in beautiful Discovery Park. (Daybreak Star Center, Sat Dec 9, Sun Dec 17, 10 am-4 pm, free.)

Peddler Holiday Craft Fair

Shop for holiday gifts from local vendors like Kelly Christy Hats, Helen Sharp Knitwear, Stitched by Candy, Stephanie Benson Jewelry Designs, MootCraft Leather Bags, and others. (Peddler Brewing Company, Sat Dec 9, 11 am-4 pm, free.)

Pioneer Square Neighborhood

Holiday Market
Take a break from work to sip hot cocoa, hear live music, and shop for holiday gifts from local vendors like London Plane, Bon Voyage Vintage, Swift Industries, Gigs 4 U, Radici, Velouria, Pioneer Pet, and others. (Occidental Square, Fri Dec 15, 10 am-2 pm, free.)

Pop Up Mercado: Viva Santo

Find apparel, art, jewelry, food, and handmade gifts at this holiday pop-up. (Centilia Cultural Center, Sat Dec 16, 12-5 pm, free.)

Pottery Northwest Holiday

This local, handmade art market will have pottery, stationery, perfumes, leather, mustard, jewelry, prints, coffee, and more for sale as you prepare for the holidays. (Pottery Northwest, 10 am-6 pm, free, through Dec 22.)

★ Punk Rock Flea Market

If shopping at the mall gives you hives, but you still need to buy something for someone, why not buy a locally procured good while drinking whiskey and listening to locally selected music? Since 2006, the biannual Punk Rock Flea Market has provided an opportunity to do just that, and today's iteration promises to be bigger and better than ever. (Promenade Red Apple, Dec 9-10, \$1.)

* Renegade Craft Fair

Renegade Craft Fair ("the largest independent craft fair in the world") will return to Magnuson Park, bringing along more than 200 makers selling their wares, DIY workshops, food and drinks, and other special events. (Magnuson Park Hangar 30, Dec 16-17, 11 am-6 pm, free.)

Salt & Pine Holiday Market

At this holiday pop-up, treat yourself and your holiday gift recipients to some delectable smells in the form of locally made candles and soaps, plus other goods like crafts, knitwear, and more. (Sprout, Fri Dec 8, 5-9 pm, free.)

Santa at Stoup

Grown-ups can drink beer and shop for holiday gifts from local artisans while kids enjoy hot cocoa and cider and take pictures with Santa (Stoup Brewing, Tues Dec 12, 4-8:30 pm. free.)

The Sodo Flea Market

Graze from food trucks and peruse booths from more than 50 vendors selling an array of local vintage and handmade goods. (Rejuvenation, Sat Dec 9, 10 am-4 pm, free.)

South Lake Union Winter Market

Did you miss Urban Craft Uprising earlu in December? There's still hope: South Lake Union will host a mini-reprise of the massive fair. (Van Vorst Plaza, Fri Dec 8, 10 am-6 pm,

Stocked Studios Holiday Market

Enjoy a complimentary cocktail and snack on free samples to energize you for holiday shopping. Vendors include Mustard and Co., Krista's Baking Co., Bro Joe's Lil' Dressings, Georgetown, Pantry Supply, Quickles Pickling Concentrate, Everything on Everything, Drinking Buddies, and lots more. (Stocked General, Sat Dec 9, 1-5 pm, free.)

★ Support System

In the midst of the holiday season, when consumerism gets a shot of adrenaline as stores shell out deals, Mount Analogue strives to "offer a safe space to be, to find, to connect and to support the local artists that make this world worth it." The book shop will paint the space a peaceful Yves Klein blue and host two pop-ups featuring Women.Weed. WiFi, Kim Selling of Drop Out City Vintage (and Stranger music calendar editor), EPICENE, Need Things, and Pilgrim Paper Co. In addition to shopping for goods, there will be sliding-scale oracle card readings by Lily Kay, sets by DJ T.Wan and DJ Bricks, and readings by Gabrielle Bates, Montreux Rotholtz, Philip Schaefer, and Jeff Whitney. (Mount Analogue, Dec 7, 9 & 16, free.)

★ Tractor Tavern's Handmade

Enjoy live music (Taylar Elizza Beth, Gabriel Mintz, Bill Patton, Faith Grossnicklaus on December 10; Little Spirits, Country Dave Harmonson, Buffalo Moses, and Faith Grossnicklaus on December 17) and drinks while you shop for holiday gifts to bestow upon yourself and all your special friends. Vendors will include Terraria, SIGIL, Olivie Botanicals, Elliott Hawthorne Art, and many others. (Tractor Tavern, Sun Dec 10 and Sun Dec 17, 10 am-4 pm. free.)

★ Vera DIY Holiday Fair

The Vera Project and Hollow Earth Radio will team up once again for their 10th annual DIY Holiday Fair. Find DIY record, tape, and CD labels, zines and small press books, crafts, and more. A few of this year's vendors include Print Ritual, Sassyblack, Tiny Thunder, Jesus Mary Anne Joseph, and Left Bank Books Collective. (Vera Project, Sat Dec 9. 11 am-4 pm. free.)

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THE BIG & THE OBVIOUS

Celebrate Hanukkah

December is host to much more than Christmas trees and carolers—it's also a time to celebrate Hanukkah, which this year happens December 12 through 20. Whether you observe the holiday or want to learn about new cultural traditions, there are options for you. For performances, see Roma pop group Gypsy Enter $tainers, the\,Debaucher auntes, Brivele, and\,the$ Shay Family Band at Bubbe's Old-Fashioned Hanukkah Shindig or check out a variety show at the Fred Wildlife Refuge Chanukah Party (both on Sat Dec 16). If food—especially fried potatoes—is what you're after, make latkes and rugelach with the Lunch Club (Wed Dec 13. Hotel Andra), participate in the **Annual** Latke Cook-off (Tues Dec 12, Chabad Jewish Center of Capitol Hill), or eat gourmet burgers and latkes while you watch a giant menorah lighting at the Light Up the Night: Burger Fest(Thurs Dec 14, Westlake Park).

See Festive Lights

If you're feeling bummed out by the darkest days of the year and do not own a SAD lamp. the city abounds with all manner of luminous spectacles to carry you through the winter blues. Stroll along the water at Green $\textbf{Lake's Pathway of Lights} \ (\text{Sat Dec 9}), visit$ Seattle Art Museum's garden of luminarias and other bright installations (Thurs $\mathrm{Dec}\,14$), sip spiced cherry ale at Naked City Brew- $\textbf{ery's tree lighting ceremony} \ (\textbf{Thurs Dec 7}),$ celebrate a Chinese tradition at Puyallup's Lantern Light Festival (through Jan 7), or watch a parade of decked-out ships float by at **Argosy's Parade of Boats Night** (Fri Dec 15). Plus, we can't forget annual traditions like Bellevue's Snowflake Lane (through Dec 24) and Garden d'Lights (through Dec 31), zoo light displays at Woodland Park and Point Defiance (through Jan 1), Ravenna's Candy Cane Lane (through Jan 1), and Ivar's Clam Lights (through Jan 1).

Watch Holiday Concerts

Of all the myriad ways to celebrate this holiday season, the most universally joyous method may be through the communion of music. If you're looking for the classic of all classics. venture to any of the various productions of Handel's Messiah, presented in the city by the Seattle Mandolin Orchestra (Sun Dec 10 at Green Lake Methodist Church), Seattle Symphony (Dec 15–17 at Benaroya Hall), and Orchestra Seattle and Seattle Chamber Singers (Sat Dec 16 at First Free Methodist Church)—not to mention out-of-town productions. If you need a warm, all-ages outing to keep all your family members entertained. the iconic Vince Guaraldi–penned score to \boldsymbol{A} Charlie Brown Christmas will be performed at both the **Cornish Playhouse** (Sun Dec 10) and the Royal Room (Mon Dec 18 and Wed Dec 20). Rock and pop are represented as well, with groups like Dude York (Red Bull Sound Select Holiday Spectacular, Sat Dec16) and the Maldives (Maldoggies Family Christmas, Dec 15-16) coming out with their own style of high-energy yuletide fare. Or, if the holidays awake in you visions of hushed snowfall over the range, mosey down to the Hometown Holiday show (ShoWare Center Wed Dec 13) or the **Holiday Hootenanny &** Sing-A-Long (the Royal Room, Sat Dec 9) for a sweet sugarplum feeling to last you the month.

Visit Santa

Santa wears just one physical hat, but personality-wise. he wears several: He's a present deliverer, a sleigh driver, and, according to this year's local events, a deep-sea diver, a li $bation \,lover, and \,a\,major\,partygoer.\, The\, biggest$ annual grown-up Santa event is **SantaCon**,



wherein a mass of Santa-clad beer guzzlers storm downtown bars, but you can also find the bearded man at breweries like **Ounces** (Sat Dec 16). Stoup (Tues Dec 12). Chuck's Hop Shop (Mon Dec 18). Populuxe (Mon Dec 11), and **Peddler Brewing** (Sun Dec 17). For more adult-appropriate events, visit him and his naughty elves at the Cuff (Sat Dec 9). check out the Drunk Santa Party at Linda's Tayern (Wed Dec 13), or watch him in Cafe Nordo's murder-filled thriller The View from Santa's Lap (Dec 7-24). Kids can visit him at several events that are decidedly more interesting than the mall. Catch him at the Seattle Aquarium (where you can see him diving in the Window on Washington Waters exhibit through Dec 24), the Museum of Flight (where he'll arrive via airplane with Mrs. Claus for the Santa's Landing Party on Sat Dec 16), or the Northwest African American Museum (where Black Santa will visit Dec 9-10).

Observe the Winter Solstice

The daylight hours are steadily waning, and northern hemisphere dwellers will soon experience the darkest day of the year. Rather than staying in bed, consider the myriad ways to celebrate on the days leading up to the winter solstice. For nature-centered observances, go on a **Solstice Trail Run** in Seward Park's old growth forest (Sat Dec 16), experience sundown in the candlelit garden of the Pacific Bonsai Museum (Sun Dec 17), or take a lantern-lit walk through Bainbridge Island's **Bloedel** Reserve (Dec 17-20). If you'd rather drink to stay warm, think fondly of warmer months at Tavern Law's Halfway to Summer: Tiki and Spritz Party (Sun Dec 17) or get bejeweled for Conor Byrne's Winter Solstice Masquerade (Thurs Dec 14). More classically, North Corner Chamber Orchestra will give special solstice performances on December 16 and 17, and the University Christian Church will host the fourth annual Seattle Secular Solstice (Sat Dec 16), featuring food, song, and an emphasis on "empathy and evidence." And, of course, there are plenty of day-of events to look forward to, such as Fremont's epic costume-filled Feast of the Winter Solstice (Thurs Dec 21).

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Short List

CookieFest Seattle Center Armory, Sat Dec 9, 11 am, free

Gingerbread Village City Centre, free, through

Holiday in the Park Volunteer Park, Thurs Dec 7, 6-8 pm, free

Holiday Party Northwest Film Forum, Fri Dec 8, 7 pm, free

Jingle Bell Run Westlake Park, Sun

Dec 10, 7 am, \$40-\$75 Pioneer Square

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Day Celebration Seattle First Baptist Church, Thurs Dec 7, 6 pm, free

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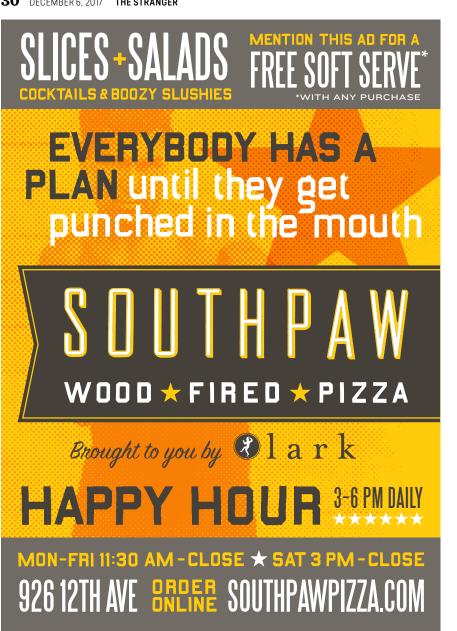
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Early Warnings

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INDULGENCE Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP), Sun Dec 31, 8 pm, \$69/\$350

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DIRK STASCHKE:

PERFECTION OF HAPPENSTANCE

Through Jan 10

Dirk Staschke's Death Art

Are these pieces at Winston Wachter sculptures or paintings? Is existence just totally meaningless?

BY KATIE KURTZ



'The Structure of an Image' is a painting that's also a sculpture.

friend sends me a link to the final blog posts of a young woman who committed suicide. "Some stranger's car radio played outro music" is one of her final lines. Tick tock.

I text a friend to ask the status of someone in a coma. "They are gonna take him off life

support tonight," he texts back. Tick tock. Tick tock.

"Is there a personal reason why you turned your attention to vanitas?" I ask Dirk Staschke later that evening. The artist's brother-in-law, both parents, and son died in the span of five vears. Tick. Tock.

Vanitas—derived from vanitas vanitatum, omnia vanitas, from the Bible—is a style of still-life painting

that originated in 16th-century Netherlands featuring objects to remind us of the futility of our worldly existence and our immi-

nent demise. Symbols representing death include skulls, candles, rotting flowers and food, and clocks. Jewelry, books, and maps represent our ultimately meaningless pursuit of wealth or knowledge. Why these

reminders? Because we must repent, repent, repent, the Dutch admonished.

"I was interested in the pessimistic notion of futility and wanted to see if it can be translated into an artistic gesture," Staschke told me about his show Perfection of Happenstance at Winston Wachter, which is up through January 10. For the work *The Struc*ture of an Image, Staschke developed his own method of using glaze as paint, a method in which the results aren't known until after the piece has been fired. In this painting that is a sculpture that is a painting, the blurred pink, vellow, and white outlines of flowers run down the ceramic and drip over an ornate ceramic frame. A seam bisects the center where the two halves have been joined. Walk around to the back of the piece,

> and you can see the coiled clay outlines of the flowers. Resist gently pushing the piece off its pedestal to complete the conceptual circuit of solidity versus fragility.

The Shadow of a Doubt, a sculpture of a painting, confirms why Staschke was selected to be featured in next month's New American Paintings magazine. Tilted on a slab of wood.

this vanitas contains precise symbolism that is also extended through the back with amorphous blobs. A perfectly constructed

> skull in front is balanced by a blueand-white bulbous protrusion in back. While I understand the artist's impulse to activate the back of the work. I'm not convinced this particular abstraction is working.

Knowing the artist is mindful of his conceptual gestures, I'm hard-pressed to grasp the

I hope Staschke further explores the abstraction he's heading toward in works like The Structure of an Image, Flux #5, and his vanitas vases. There is a haunting expressiveness to them that invites viewers to explore the messy spectrum of feelings when considering their own and their loved ones' mortality. Tick tock. ■

Top Picks

DEC 7-30

'Tech Support'

How can Seattle artists appeal to the affluent newcomers in the tech sector? This is a question I see a lot of artists and gallerists posing lately, and it seems to be an anxiety underlying Tech Support, a group exhibition curated by Colleen RJC Bratton aimed at bridging the gap between Seattle's art and tech scenes. Formatted like a quasi-store that sells tech-based art objects, Tech Support features an outstanding roster of artists including Dakota Gearhart, Jason Hirata, Sol Hashimi, Francisco Guerrero, and Ellen Jing Xu. A community discussion facilitated by Bratton and Minh Nguyen on December 9 will explore how art and tech

communities can better support each other. (SOIL, Thurs-Sun, free.) EMILY POTHAST

DEC 8-JAN II

'Mckavla Sewnsew'

Have you ever wondered what goes on inside Greenwood Space Travel Supply Co.? It's a shop full of space-themed novelties, but it's also an outreach and fundraising hub for the Greater Seattle Bureau of Fearless Ideas, a nonprofit writing and communication center that provides tutoring for kids ages 6 to 18. It's also home to a new gallery space that artist Sarah Galvin has been curating for the past several months. December's exhibition features Mckayla Sewnsew, a multimedia installation artist and clothing designer. Stop by during the PhinneyWood Art Walk and fuel up on freeze-dried provisions. (Greenwood Space Travel Supply Co., Fri-Sun, free.) EMILY POTHAST



DEC 8-JAN 20

Gala Bent and Justin Gibbens

Gala Bent's paintings and objects combine organic shapes, cell-like structures, geometric planes, and gradients of earth colors. The Michigan-born artist's new show, Particle Playlist, should continue her dual fascination with biological sculptural detail and abstract geometry. Alongside her show, Justin Gibbens's Sea Change depicts figural, macroscopic fauna: His whales and dolphins seem realistic at first glance, but human iconography, sumbol, and expression intrude upon their bodies. A sperm whale sports a cartoon of an angry fanged face on its snout; an orca flops on its back as if it's plauing dead. Both float in a white, contextless void like illustrations in a science textbook. Gibbens, with sad wit, reveals marine mammals as we humans are transforming them. (G. Gibson Gallery, Wed-Sat, free.) JOULE ZELMAN





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(12/8) Town Hall Seattle, Seattle Radio Theatre, and KIRO Radio present The Bishop's Wife University Temple Church

(12/9) Saturday Family Concerts Thione Diop The Royal Room

(12/10) Short Stories Live: A Rogue's Christmas

Taproot Theatre

(12/12) Town Hall Seattle and JetCity Improv present Sam Wasson with Andrew McMasters Improv Nation Jet City Improv

(12/13) Maryn McKenna

Big Chicken: How Antibiotics Changed the Way the World Eats Impact Hub

(1/9) Town Hall Seattle and Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility present Daniel Ellsberg with Daniel Bessner The Doomsday Machine University Temple Church

(1/13) Town Hall Seattle and Phinney Neighborhood Association present Saturday Family Concerts:

Saturday Family Concerts: Johnaye Kendrick

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(1/16) Town Hall and Seattle University present Frances McCue with Cary Moon Timber Curtain Pigott Auditorium at Seattle University

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DEC 8-JULY 1

Sondra Perry: 'Eclogue for [In]habitability'

New media artist Sondra Perry, winner of the 2017 Gwendolyn Knight and Jacob Lawrence Prize for early-career black artists, uses video installations to interrogate how African Americans are treated by the media and bu law enforcement. Some previous rrrrr 1.0.3, use explicit metaphors linking technology and society. For example, the "blue screen of death" transforms into the "blue wall of silence," the term for police officers' cover-ups of their colleagues' mistakes. She devises special setups for watching these pieces, like exercise bikes with screens rigged over the bars. Here, Perry will create an immersive video and sculpture show that, if her past work is any guide, exploits technological "glitches" to reveal systemic failure. (Seattle Art Museum, Wed-Sun, \$20) JOULE ZELMAN

SAT DEC 9



'HUG': A henry solo show and book release party

Some artists aim for shock, estrangement, perturbation, alienation. Some just want you to feel loved. One of the latter is Ryan Henry Ward. You know him as Henry, and he's the muralist who has covered the walls of your city in walruses and ostriches and fish and wizards and Sasquatches. You've seen his doofily-expressioned, elastic-limbed creatures on the sides of schools, taverns, pot shops, coffee shops, bars, and private residences. No matter how familiar they become, their whimsicality is funnier and sweeter than it is cloying, and the rich yet muted colors blend in with the city's natural hues. Henru's solo show and launch of the book Mustic Thug Hug promises more of this affectionate Northwest fancy. Who doesn't want to see a beatific sloth cradling a baby or an owl hugging a human or, in fact, a human hugging a human? (Ren Fitness, 6-10 pm, free.) JOULE ZELMAN

DEC 9-JAN 10

Jaime Hernandez and Charles Burns

If you have the slightest interest in the art of graphic novels, this is a big deal. Charles Burns, author of the haunting Black Hole, Big Baby, and Last Look, among others, is famed for his stark chiaroscuro style. His characters are either dramatically modeled or frighteningly simplistic, like masks clamped over real faces. His stories unfold in a sort of crepuscular adolescent realm, where bodies can change nightmarishly or give birth to new monsters. Jaime Hernandez is the cocreator of Love and Rockets, which he wrote and illustrated with his brothers Gilbert and Mario. Back in the 1980s, the Hernandez brothers wrote about gueer Chicano characters when people of

these demographics were rarely represented in comics. Jaime's stories focused on the dramas playing out among a group of punk friends in Los Angeles. Hopey, Maggie, and company have developed and aged in Hernandez's individuated, naturalistic ink. This exhibition at Fantagraphics, which is Love and Rockets' exclusive publisher and has issued many of Burns's works, will show original art by these two groundbreaking artists. (Fantagraphics Bookstore and Gallery, daily, free.) JOULE ZELMAN

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Short List

GALLERIES

Amanda Manitach Winston Wachter Fine Art, Mon-Sat, free, through Jan 10

Attacks from Mars: We Welcome Our Robot Overlords!

Vermillion, Dec 14-Feb 5, Tues-Sat. free

Christopher David White Abmeyer + Wood, Dec 7-Jan 13, Mon-Sat, free

David Byrd and

Michael Dailey
Greg Kucera Gallery, Tues-Sat, free, through Dec 23

Everyone's \$50 The Alice, Sat, free, through Dec 30

Fred Birchman and Kathy Gore Fuss Prographica / KDR, Tues-Sat, free, through Dec 22

Fruiting Bodies Push/Pull, free, through Dec 19

Gazelle Samizav 4Culture Storefront Arcade, Mon-Fri, free,

through Dec 31 Genevieve St Charles: La Croix

FoodArt Collection, Thurs Dec 14, 5-9 pm, free

Hobby Rockers Nii Modo, Dec 15-Jan

13 free

Holiday Mini Art Exhibit Ghost Gallery, Tues-Sun,

free, through Jan 7

Hypomnemata INCA, Sat, free, through Dec 9

International Wood **Engraving Invitational** Davidson Galleries, Dec

7-30, Wed–Sat, free Kat Larson

Hoedemaker Pfeiffer Gallery, Mon-Fri, free, through Dec 31

Malayka and Tom Gormally

Spaceworks Gallery, Mon-Fri, free, through Dec 21

Material Performance: Part II

Jacob Lawrence Gallery, free, through Dec 9

Satpreet Kahlon 4Culture Gallery, free, through Dec 7

Tannaz Farsi Glassbox Gallery, free, through Dec 9

Telling Our Stories: Art and Homelessness School of Art, University

of Washington, Mon-Fri, free, through Dec 15

Walter Quirt

Frederick Holmes and Company, Tues-Sun, free, through Dec 31

Wong Ping Interstitial, Sat, free, through Dec 23

Youth in Focus M. Rosetta Hunter Art Gallery, Mon-Fri, free, through Dec 14

ART EVENTS

Arcade 35.3 Issue Launch Party

Colman Automotive Building, Thurs Dec 14, 5:30 pm, \$20 donation

Capitol Hill Art Walk Capitol Hill, Thurs Dec 14, 5-8 pm, free

Fantagraphics' IIth Anniversary
Fantagraphics Bookstore

and Gallery, Sat Dec 9, 6-9 pm, free

First Thursday Art Walk Pioneer Square, Thurs Dec 7, free

Georgetown Art Attack Various venues, Sat Dec 9, 6-9 pm, free

TK Lofts 13th Annual Open House Tashiro Kaplan Artist Lofts, Thurs Dec 7, 6-10 pm, free

Very Open House Equinox Studios, Sat Dec 9, 5-10 pm, free

Early Warnings

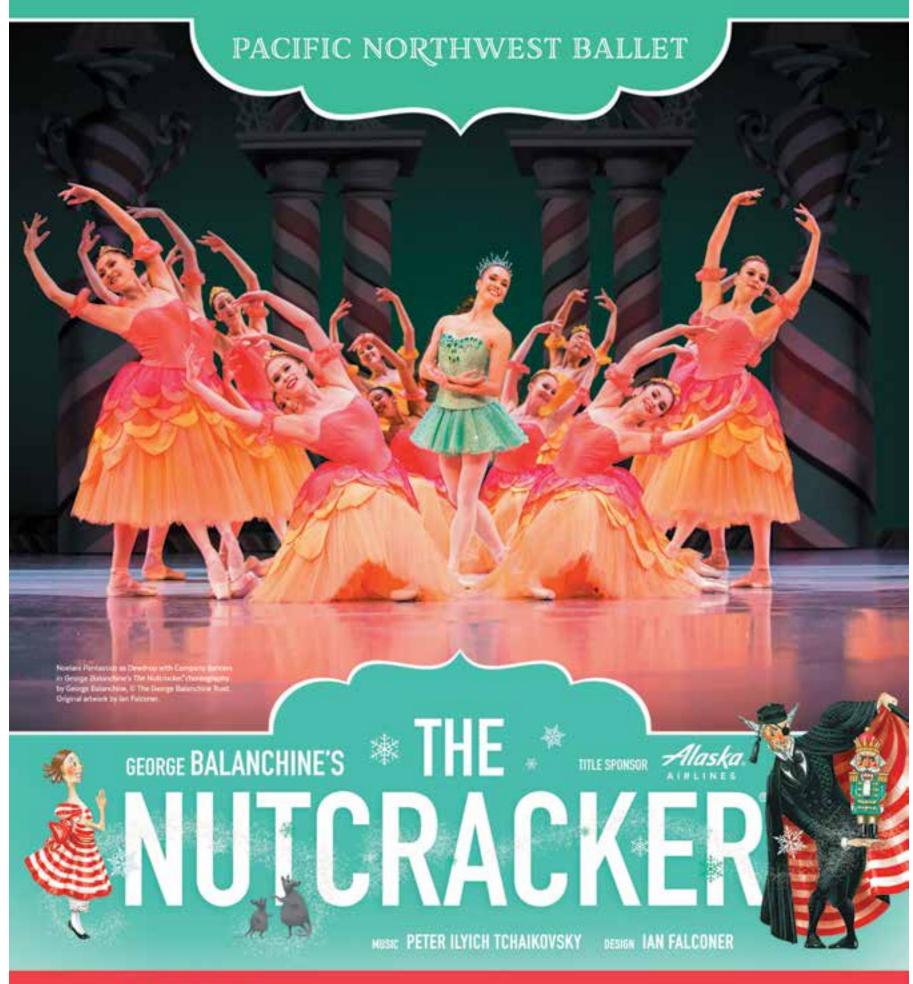
EXTREME NATURE: TWO LANDSCAPE PAINTINGS FROM THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT Seattle Art Museum, opening Sat Dec 23, \$20

FRANCISCO GUERRERO: LOAVES AND FISHES 4Culture Gallery, Jan 4–25, free

ZHI LIN: CONFRONTING HISTORY | RETRIEVING

MEMORY Prographica / KDR, Jan 4-27, free





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They Are Human and They **Need to Be Loved**

Stephen Karam's wrenching family drama at Seattle Rep.

BY SEAN NELSON

verything people love and hate about plays is perfectly exemplified by Stephen Karam's The Humans, which was a hit on and off Broadway and opened at the Seattle Rep last week. On the plus side: It's an intimate, insightful, involving piece of domestic drama, a textbook for accurate and eloquent

THE HUMANS Seattle Repertory Theatre Through Dec 17

stage design and a showcase for fantastic performances by the entire ensemble cast, led by

Pamela Reed, Richard Thomas, and a standout Therese Plaehn.

On the minus side: It's a play that throws its lasso around everything wrong in America in 2017, forcing the characters to groan under the weight of their designation as symbols of the long, slow death of the lie of the American dream

The collapse of institutions, the wane of the white working-class stranglehold on prosperity, the crisis in health care accessibility, the failure of religion, the decay of cities, the erosion of suburbs, the myth that $things\,will\,be\,fine\,if\,you\,work\,hard\,and\,follow$ your dreams—all these critical subjects are illustrated by the six characters. As if the playwright's reach weren't sufficiently ambitious, he even trots out Hurricane Sandy and 9/11.



'The Humans' is 90 minutes long with no intermission and fantastic performances.

The quest for relevance and magnitude has ruined many talented writers, and The Humans'shortcomings issue almost entirely from its yearning to be an Important Play About Who We Are Now. But then again, its human successes are deeply satisfying, and its insights into the small ways families destroy and depend upon each other actually do elevate it into an Important Play About Who We Are Now.

The premise couldn't be simpler: The Blake family is having Thanksgiving dinner at the new downtown New York City apartment of its youngest member Brigid and her boyfriend, Richard. The parents, Erik and Deidre, have driven in from Scranton, Pennsylvania, along with Erik's wheelchair-bound mother, Momo. Also present is the older daughter, Aimee, an attorney whose long-term girlfriend

has recently broken up with her. The structure is simple, too: Before the meal, during the meal, and after the meal. It's a tight 90 minutes with no intermission.

The simplicity is in the service of intimacy. You see the daughters bristle at their mother's misguided attempts to be close to them, the mother's small heartbreak when she overhears them making fun of her, the father's efforts to seem chummy and patriarchal when it's increasingly obvious that he has something terrible to disclose. More than that, as the play moves forward, you feel less like an observer and more like a participant in the family dynamic, because even if you aren't part of a white working-class Catholic family from Pennsylvania, families are families. Or were, anyway.

Once the health revelations start pouring out—dementia, crumbling

knees, ulcerative colitis-and the smaller nuisances, like the constant pounding from the upstairs apartment, become more glaring, the theme becomes clear. For most humans in America today, the illusion of success is predicated on settling for less than all humans deserve. Or, as Erik says early on, "Don'tcha think it should cost less to be alive?

I do.

Top Picks

THURS DEC 7

'Welcome to Night Vale'

Something is just not quite right in the town of Night Vale. For one, there's the mysterious lights circling above every night, and of course there are the hooded figures at the dog park. If you're part of the "cult" that religiously follows the podcast Welcome to Night Vale, you'll know that's just the tip of the iceberg in this seemingly "friendly desert community." But even if you aren't, go to the show, which is set up like an old-timey live radio play, and experience host Cecil Palmer's voice, which will simultaneously soothe your nerves and give you the shivers. (Neptune Theatre, 7 and 9:30 pm, \$33.50.) **AMBER CORTES**

DEC 7-10

Kate Wallich + the YC: 'Dream Dances'

You deserve a nice relaxing night out. In Dream Dances, Dance Church deacon Kate Wallich and her YCs are going to give you just that. The promo-

tional copy contains some information about the inspirations of spatial geometry and "heightened reality." But when I watch the preview videos, all I see are dancers moving very slowly, very calmly, as if they're swimming in really delightful jelly. Toss a minimalistic, rhythmic, loopy score by Johnny Goss and Andrew J.S. on top of that, add a pot lozenge, and you got yourself the best outing you've had in a while. (On the Boards, \$30.) RICH SMITH





'Dungeons & Drag Queens on Ice: A Winterized Comedy Adventure'

High-concept plays typically give me the willies. No, I would not like to see your fringe show that ponders the pressing question "What would the Tempest be like if it were mashed up with the plot of Aliens?" That being said, Matt Baume's Dungeons & Drag Queens on Ice is the one exception to my mishmash theaterphobia. Why? Because Baume is a prolific nerd with a keen eye for talent, and Dungeons & Drag Queens on Ice features some of the

most beloved gueens in town. Who doesn't want to see Arson Nicki as a warlock (on ice)? Rubes, that's who. (Timbre Room, 6 pm, \$10.) CHASE BURNS

DEC 12-13

John Mulaney

John Mulaney looks too clean-cut and handsome to be funny—he comes across as a goy Jerry Seinfeld, but younger. Yet, with his well-modulated thespian voice, dapper threads, and perfect smile, he unspools extended, witty narratives about pop culture (look on YouTube for his dissection of the deep strangeness >





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◀ of Back to the Future), real estate, being an altar boy, among other things. Mulaney honed his craft on Saturday Night Live, where he impressed as a "Weekend Update" correspondent, and he sometimes waxes political, because it's one of the richest seams of humor. As Mulaney accurately observed, "Donald Trump is what a hobo imagines a rich man to be." (Paramount Theatre, \$23/\$33) DAVE SEGAL

FRI DEC 15

Hari Kondabolu

If you like your political/cultural humor astute, subtle, and punching from the left, Hari Kondabolu is your man. The former Seattle comic's career has been ascending over the last five or so years, with writing gigs for Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell, appearances on late-night TV shows (John Oliver, Jimmy Kimmel, David Letterman, etc.), and acclaimed albums on stalwart indie-rock label Kill Rock Stars. From his Waiting for 2042 LP: "Saying I'm obsessed with racism in America is like saying I'm obsessed with swimming when I'm drowning." These shows will be filmed for a comedy special release. (Neptune Theatre, 7:30 and 10 pm, \$23.50.) DAVE SEGAL

CLOSING SUN DEC 31

Dina Martina Christmas Show

Do you appreciate irony? Do you enjoy joy? Are you a sucker for horrifying stories told as if they're



heartwarming, the spectacle of beastly narcissism among the untalented, and pop songs with the lyrics rewritten because the singer seems to have undergone some kind of brain scramble? The Seattle holiday tradition of the drag-gone-wrong Dina Martina Christmas Show is upon us. All we know for sure is that one song she sings every year will be in it. I wouldn't miss it for the world. (Re-bar, \$25.) CHRISTOPHER FRIZZELLF

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Short List

Seattle Musical Theatre, \$20-\$40, through Dec 17

Bianca Del Rio in Peaches Christ's 'Sheetlejuice'

SIFF Cinema Egyptian, Tues Dec 12, 7 pm, 9:30 pm,

Bill Bellamy

Parlor Live Comedy Club Bellevue, Dec 7-9, \$20-\$35

The Brutalesque Holiday Onslaught

Rendezvous, Fri Dec 8, 7 and 10 pm, \$18/\$20

Building the Wall 12th Avenue Arts, 8 pm, pay what you wish,

through Dec 23

A Christmas Carol ACT Theatre, \$32-\$110, through Dec 28

Elf the Musical

Paramount Theatre, Tues-Sun, \$30-\$100, through

George Balanchine's The Nutcracker McCaw Hall, \$29-\$190,

through Dec 28 Homo for the Holidays

Oddfellows West Hall, Dec 7-30, \$25-\$200

Howl's Moving Castle Book-It Repertory Theatre, Wed-Sun, \$15-\$50,

Iolanta

Spectrum Studio Theater, Dec 14-17, \$20

Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn The 5th Avenue Theatre. Tues-Sun, \$34-\$185, through Dec 31

through Dec 30

through Dec 16

Dec 8, 10 pm, \$10/\$14

Land of the Sweets: The Burlesque Nutcracker Triple Door, Dec 7-28,

Lily Tomlin Pantages Theater, Sat Dec

16. 3 and 7:30 pm, \$39-\$110 Live Wire with Luke

Burbank Neptune Theatre, Sat

Dec 9, 8 pm, \$18/\$34 Monstrosity

Glenn Hughes Penthouse Theater, \$20, through Dec 10

Night of a Thousand Cucci's

Kremwerk, Sat Dec 9, 7 pm, \$9-\$15

No Strings Attached 18th & Union, \$20,

Objectified (Or Whatever)

The Pocket Theater, Fri

Open Studio #34 On the Boards, Sat Dec 16, 3:30-5:30 pm. \$5

PodCon

Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Dec 9-10, \$100

quick bright things

The Ballard Underground, 8 pm, \$15/\$25, through Dec 16

Somebody Get Me a Chainsaw

Gay City, Dec 14-17, \$15 Thriftease: A Found

Fashion Show & Strip Auction Kremwerk, Fri Dec 8.

7-10 pm, \$8/\$10

Wonderland

Can Can, \$35-\$95, through Jan 28

Early Warnings

BETTY & COOKIE'S NOT-SO-SILENT NIGHT Kremwerk, Dec 21–23, 8 pm, \$10/\$15

CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE Paramount Theatre, Dec 22-24, \$40-\$70

A DRAG QUEEN CHRISTMAS Moore Theatre, Fri Dec 29, 8 pm, \$21-\$53

THE GAY UNCLE'S JOURNEY THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE DOLLS Rendezvous. Dec 29-30. 7 pm. \$10

MOISTURE FESTIVAL NEW YEAR'S EVE EXTRAVAGANZA Hale's Palladium, Sun Dec 31, 8 pm, \$75/\$90

NEW YEAR'S EVE COMEDY CLASSIC FEATURING STEVE BYRNE, GARY CANNON & CORRINE FISHER Parlor Live Comedy Club, Sun Dec 31, 7:30 and 10 pm, \$50/\$60

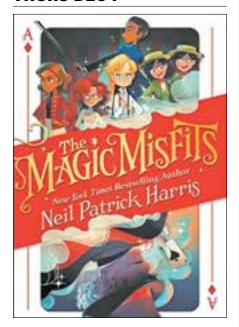
XTREME THEATRESPORTS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY Unexpected Productions' Market Theater, Sun Dec 31. 10 pm, \$38/\$45

THE BOOK OF MORMON Paramount Theatre, Jan 2–14, \$35–\$150

SOLOMON GEORGIO Parlor Live Comedy Club, Thurs Jan 11, 7:30 pm, \$25/\$30

Top Picks

THURS DEC 7



Neil Patrick Harris: 'The Magic Misfits'

It has come to my attention that Neil Patrick Harris is not my husband. I'm not sure how this could have come about, but the evidence is irrefutable. Another recent discovery: He is the author of a new children's book. The star of stage and screen, who is also a father in his own right, comes to Seattle to read from The Magic Misfits, about illusionists, carnies, adventure, and friendship. (Temple De Hirsch Sinai, 6:30 pm, \$5 [standby only].) CHRISTOPHER FRIZZELLE

Poetry Across the Nations: An Indigenous Reading

Natalie Diaz is the author of the award-winning collection of poetry When My Brother Was an Aztec (Copper Canyon Press). (She's also a very accomplished basketball player, but that's for another time.) Her other work involves doing cool things like partnering with Hugo House and the Poetry Foundation to create Poetry Across the Nations, "a community outreach program facilitated by Native women" who host readings and workshops to build "intercultural and intertribal" networks. While she's here Muckleshoot poet Celeste Adame and Diaz will offer a free poetry workshop for Native writers. There will also be a reading, open to all, featuring Diaz, Suquamish poet Cedar Sigo (who has a couple very good collections out on Wave Books), East Shawnee poet and UW grad Laura Da', Muscogee poet Jennifer Foerster (Leaving Tulsa), and Acoma Pueblo poet Sara Ortiz. These poets employ a wide range of styles, from narrative stuff to hyper-lyrical stuff to wildly experimental stuff, so there will be something for everyone, provided your something involves good poetry. (Fred Wildlife Refuge, 7 pm, free.) RICH SMITH

FRI DEC 8

Khizr Khan: 'An American Family'

Most of us know Gold Star father Khizr Khan for the elegance and poignancy of his speech at the Democratic National Convention in 2016, for batting down Trump's insults following that speech, and for righteously defending immigrants in general and Muslims in particular while the president tries again and again to keep them out of the country. Now Khan is out with a memoir, An American Family, which

Hillary Clinton's Untold Story

The shocking things in her book that she didn't talk about in her campaign.

BY CHRISTOPHER FRIZZELLE

had forgotten all about Matt Lauer's nitpicky, sanctimonious interview of Hillary Clinton on the deck of an aircraft carrier for NBC's "Commander in Chief Forum" in September 2016.

As Clinton recounts in What Hannened (which she reads from at the Paramount on December 11 and signs at Elliott Bay Book Company on December 12), Lauer began by asking about the most important characteristic a commander in chief can have. Clinton talked about steadiness. During her answer, Lauer cut in and said, "You're talking about judgment."

"Now I was ticked off," she writes about Matt Lauer's "pointless ambush."

"That's not what I was talking about, exactly, but it was close enough," she writes. "I've been around the block enough times to know that something bad was coming. Lauer had the look of someone proud of himself for having laid a clever trap."

Lauer went on: "The word judgment has been used a lot around you, Secretary Clinton, over the last year and a half, and in particular concerning your use of your personal email and server to communicate while you were Secretary of State. You've said it's a mistake. You said you made not the best choice. You were communicating on highly sensitive topics. Why wasn't it more than a mistake? Why wasn't it disqualifying, if you want to be Commander in Chief?"

Lauer did not mention that Colin Powell had used a personal e-mail address while he was secretary of state (an AOL address, no less). He did not mention it was not against policy to do so, or that Clinton's personal e-mail had never been backed unlike the DNC's the RNC's, and the federal government's.

But Lauer kept pressing. "Instead of moving on to any of a hundred urgent national security issues... Lauer stayed on emails. He asked four follow-ups." Then came a question from the audience, a HILLARY CLINTON

Mon Dec 11, Paramount, 7:30 pm

Tues Dec 12, Elliott Bay Book

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question NBC had selected in advance. It was a right-winger asking why she wasn't in prison over her e-mails.

"Now I was ticked off," Clinton writes. "Lauer had turned what should have been a serious discussion into a pointless ambush." When her time was up, she watched Lauer "soft-pedal Trump's interview" and fail "to call Trump out on his



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lies about Iraq. I was almost physically sick." $What {\it Happened} \ is \ a \ book of boring sentenc-$

es that nevertheless contains eye-opening details of what it was like being the first woman to get a major party's nomination. The preferential treatment of men in politics (and busi-

> ness, and life) is a recurrent theme. Now that we know that Lauer sexually harassed women behind the scenes at work, his over-the-top chastisement of Clinton in front of the cam-

 $eras, especially \, compared \, to \, his \, treatment \, of \,$ the male chauvinist Republican candidate. has a whole new infuriating aspect.

Clinton says elsewhere that she never had a story of adversity to tell voters, the way Barack Obama and Bill Clinton had But that's not true. She *did* have a story to tell—she just chose not to tell it. There's an anecdote about her slapping a blind date in college when he wouldn't take no for an answer. There's an anecdote about working for Jimmy Carter's campaign, when one night one of the older male organizers grabbed her by her turtleneck and pulled her toward him and hissed in her face, "Just shut up." These are not stories she told on the campaign trail.

When it comes to the history of women in this country, she writes, "I wish I had claimed it more publicly and told it more proudly." Me too. She essentially admits that she had left her most salient material out of her story. But you can find it in her book. ■





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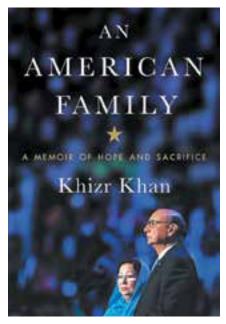
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◆ shows us the path Khan took from Pakistan to the stage at the DNC. In the book, he describes the sacrifices he made in order to pursue the American dream back when those words still meant something. He contends that the dream is still very much alive, and that his story-from his immigration to his struggles at Harvard Law to the pain of the loss of Humayun, his middle son-serves as living proof. (Seattle University, Campion Ballroom, 7 pm, free.) RICH SMITH

FRI DEC 15

E.J. Koh, Mita Mahato, Montreux Rotholtz, and Jane Wong

"All the new thinking is about loss. / In this it resembles all the old thinking," says Robert Hass in his beloved poem "Meditation at Lagunitas." This group of local literary poets will present much of this new thinking, but in their own dramatically different styles. Jane Wong, who will descend on Seattle from her newly appointed ivory tower at Western Washington University, swims in the blood and the guts of loss in her recent collection, Overpour. Mita Mahato cuts it out of paper to create gorgeous, palpable poetry comics for In Between, which was published last month. Loss haunts Montreux Rotholtz's debut book, Unmark, and it's E.J. Koh's constant companion in her lauded new collection, A Lesser Love. Expect a lot of quiet intensity and powerful imagery. (Elliott Bay Book Company, 7:30 pm, free.) RICH SMITH

Someday We'll All Be Free: A **Conversation About Abolition**

Though the conversation has certainly been troubled, Seattle is one of the few American municipalities actively considering ways to live without prisons. To help deepen and expand that consideration, Black Lives Matter cofounder Patrisse Cullors, Los Angeles

poet laureate Luis Rodriguez, ACLU of Washington's Michele Storms Rainier Beach educator Jerrell Davis and Native American photographer and director Wesley Roach will help explain the ways that libraries can help nudge us into that future. According to press materials, "the evening will include live performances, a panel, a live tweet up, and Q&A," as well as a criminal-justice reading list curated by our wonderful librarians. (Central Library, 6:30 pm, free.) RICH SMITH

MON DEC 18

Joseph Janes: 'Documents That Changed the Way We Live'

Ever wonder why we use Roman numerals for stuff like Super Bowls but not for other stuff like our own age? (I turned XXXII last month.) Or how much you can blame our current partisan crisis on a ballot design in Florida? Or, more darkly, why the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" caught on? University of Washington associate professor Joseph Janes, who teaches in the Information Studies department, is here with a podcast and a book called Documents That Changed the Way We Live, which aims to answer all those questions, plus any others you might have, about, well, documents, those seemingly inert pieces of paper that control the world in ways we rarely consider. (University Book Store, 7 pm, free.) RICH SMITH

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Short List

Anastacia-Reneé, Jane Wong, and Leena Joshi: Tender Table Mount Analogue, Sat Dec 16, 7 pm, \$5-\$20

Annie Leibovitz

Campion Ballroom, Thurs Dec 14, 7 pm, \$5-\$99

Annual Holiday Reading with Brad Craft University Book Store,

Tues Dec 12, 7 pm, free

Calling BS in an Age of Misinformation Benaroya Hall, Thurs

Dec 7, 7 pm, \$31.50 Dan Rather

University Temple United Methodist Church, Thurs Dec 7, 7 pm, \$23 (sold out)

Energy and Climate Policy at the Crossroads: Will the World Act on Climate Change Fast

Lagunitas Tap Room, Tues Dec 12, 6:30 pm, free

Space, Sat Dec 16, \$5-\$15

University Book Store,

Gay City, Dec 8-9, 7 pm,

Mount Analogue, Sun Dec 10, 6:30 pm, free

Hugo House First Hill, Sat Dec 9, 12-6 pm, \$60

Finnegan's Wake by James Joyce: Part I, Chapter 4 Chapel Performance

Maryn McKenna Impact HUB Seattle, Wed Dec 13, 7:30 pm, \$5

Seattle CityClub Year in

Seattle CityClub, Fri Dec 15, 12 pm, \$15/\$65 Sebastian Bach

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STEPHEN TOBOLOWSKY Stroum Jewish Community Center, Sun Jan 7, 4 pm. \$20-\$35

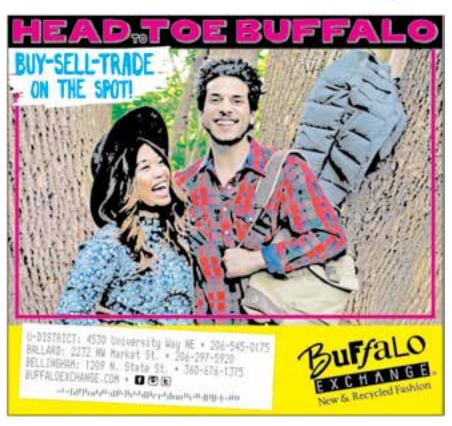
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FRAN LEBOWITZ Benaroya Hall, Sun Feb 18, 7:30 pm, \$35-\$56

ERIK LARSON IN CONVERSATION WITH NEAL BASCOMB Washington Hall, Thurs Feb 22, 7 pm, \$25/\$40

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A Tribute to Mary J. Blige

Local singer Om Johari is organizing another good idea at the Royal Room.

BY CHARLES MUDEDE

he thing that has marked Seattle musician Om Johari's music career has been the successful execution of very good ideas. For example, back in 2000, she and Amy Hedrick came up with the great idea of an all-female AC/DC tribute band— $\,$

MARY J. BLIGE TRIBUTE SHOW Fri Dec 15, Royal Room, \$15 adv/\$20 DOS. early show all ages

and they made it happen, and it was a great success. (Johari was Hell's Belles' singer until 2005.)

More recently. Johari, who describes herself as an Afro-punk and feminist $activist, helped\, bring\, to\, life\, the\, great$ idea of a Bad Brains tribute band, called Re-Ignition.

One of Johari's best ideas, however, was performed on May 19, 2017, at the Royal Room. It was a tribute to a 1972 album by the soul icon Roberta Flack and the mostly forgotten but much-troubled genius singer and arranger Donny Hathaway. The show was called "Soliloquies of

Roberta Flack and Donny Hathaway," and it featured 10 singers, most of whom I had never heard of, and all of whom, including Riz Rollins, were amazing. That night was just magical. The band, which was led by



Om Johari is organizing a tribute to R&B legend Mary J. Blige.

Joe Doria and included drums, sax, and trumpet, rocked the soul hard for two solid hours

Johari is also on a mission to produce great shows in places that she believes

black people can visit. And indeed, the Roberta Flack and Donny Hathaway tribute show had a very integrated crowd because lots of black people showed up. You just don't see that kind of thing in the North

End which is hard to access by car or public transportation. Columbia City might be becoming more white, but it's still not far from Renton, a very mixed city with a relatively large black population (10.000).

Johari's latest good idea, which she did not come up with, but which she is certainly organizing, is a tribute to the R&B singer Mary J. Blige. The idea first came to one of the show's featured singers, AshantiProctor, who wanted to do a kind of musical play about Blige. But Johari encouraged her to just make it a tribute. Also, they only had a three-month window to organize

But why Blige? Well, she has an impressive track record. Her career began in the early 1990s, when she brought the street cred of hiphop to the R&B world without sacrificing its apolitical and blackelegant principles. She has more hits than you can remember. She is still making hits. Lastly, she's been in the game so long, that, like Bill

Murray or Snoop Dogg or Martha Stewart, she's won the honor of just being cool. It will be fascinating to see what Proctor, Johari, and the rest of the lineup do with

Genius Idea

Industrial Revelation will perform Björk's Homogenic live.

BY DAVE SEGAL

INDUSTRIAL REVELATION

PLAYS BJÖRK Wed Dec 20, Neptune, 8 pm,

\$18.50, all ages

n one of the year's most surprising developments, Industrial Revelation will be covering Icelandic singer/songwriter/ producer Björk's third album, Homogenic, in its entirety on December

20 at the Neptune. Released in 1997, *Homogenic* is a richly orchestrated electronic song suite that stuffs 10 pounds of

fraught emotions into a five-pound bag. It's the record on which Björk became really

Homogenic contains two career peaks: the jaggedly funky "Alarm Call" (augmented by some of the most buoyant "oohhs" ever put to tape) and the infinitely ascending helix of joy that is "All Is Full of Love." Beyond those, the record finds Björk and her phalanx of producers—Mark Broom, Howie B, Guy Sigsworth, Markus Dravs—combining orchestral strings with rarefied electronic textures and beats that don't want to make you dance so much as they assert the singer's

> idiosyncratic conception of rhythm as a metaphor for her tumultuous inner life.

> Why is a band most people consider "jazz"—albeit one of

the more voraciously eclectic ensembles in that genre—covering a 20-year-old Björk album? Initially, the premise seems incongruous and improbable. But when you ponder how both artists share inclinations to bust outside of genre constrictions and blur stylistic conventions, the decision doesn't seem so left field. And if Industrial Revelation's career thus far has taught us anything. it's that they enjoy a good challenge and an

aesthetic change of scenery. The band won a 2014 Stranger Genius Award in music.

Trumpeter Ahamefule J. Oluo says the idea germinated earlier this year when he started seeing 20th-anniversary tributes to Radiohead's *OK Computer*. While he loves that album. he thinks Homogenic defines

1997 as much as Computer does. This led to thoughts of how people view classic works by men versus those by women—and how male musicians rarely celebrate masterpieces by women. "And it got me thinking about what Industrial Revelation would sound like playing those incredible Industrial Revelation. tunes," Oluo says, "and

the sound in my head told me immediately that we had to make this happen.

"In an instrumental band," he continues, "it is really difficult to cover 'pop' albums, because often the melodies just don't hold up: they are often so dependent on lyrics that when you strip away the words, you are

left with something tedious and indistinct." Björk and Homogenic are exceptional in this regard, Oluo says. "The melody lines dip and swerve, they are unpredictable and virtuosic. and the way she sings them, wailing and guttural, make me think of Bubber Miley or Cootie Williams from Duke Ellington's band—so

> much more than a pretty sound, something more human and more alien at

Industrial Revelation bassist Evan Flory-Barnes confesses that Björk "has sung notes that have made me burst into tears, carried me into other worlds, and affirmed a loving defiance in my being." Drummer D'Vonne Lewis believes

that while *Homogenic* is 20 years old. "it still has the feeling, the sounds and influences as if it came out today! It speaks truth, which is something that speaks to my soul!"

This show could be the musical event of the year-perhaps even a pre-Christmas miracle.





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Top Picks

THURS DEC 7

Cindy Wilson, Sarah Jaffe, the **Gods Themselves**

ROCK/POP For a reason I no longer remember, my sixth-grade teacher, Mrs. Gonzales, played my class her favorite song of all time one sunny afternoon. It turned out to be the B-52s' "Rock Lobster." I think every member of my 30-person class thought it was the dumbest, weirdest thing we'd ever heard. Now that I'm no longer a child, when I listen to this song, I hear "Monster Mash," dolphin synergy, alien transmissions, queer triumph, party jams, and the freak zone tap dance of a generation very removed from mine, but one that will forever influence rock and pop in who knows how many unseen ways. Principal B-52 Cindy Wilson will play a solo show studded by many of the classic gems that rest on her 1980s grotto rock crown. Go pay your respects to a crustacean legend who will, I hope, keep breaking the brains of 11-year-olds for many more years to come. (Chop Suey, 8 pm, \$20-\$40.) KIM SELLING

Jarv Dee, Tay Sean, Bruce Leroy, Stas Thee Boss

HIPHOP/RAP A founder of the Moor Gang collective, a member of Kingdom Crumbs, and a prolific soloist, Jarv Dee is one of Seattle hiphop's most consistent (and consistently improving) presences. He's also got something only a handful of MCs in town could possibly claim to have: an-

thems, songs the whole hiphop-loving populace of the city knows by heart. Jarv is one of the artists signed to H1gher Music-the hiphop-focused label founded by Roc Nation's Seattle-bred K-pop star Jay Park-which may plug him into an international audience that will similarly appreciate his instantly recognizable voice and big-block flow. This is a helluva bill featuring some more of the Upper Left's very best, so show out like he's already on. (Barboza, 8 pm, \$10/\$13.) LARRY MIZELL JR.

Metz, Moaning

ROCK/POP By their third album, even the noisiest of bands tend to rein things in a bit, but not Toronto trio Metz. Blunt-force song titles like "Headache" and "Rats" make their intentions clear. With engineering assistance from Steve Albini, the new Strange Peace bludgeons every bit as hard as their 2012 self-titled debut (Sub Pop has released all three records). If you're looking for catharsis, singer-guitarist Alex Edkins, bassist Chris Slorach, and drummer Hayden Menzies have got you covered (and Albini really accentuates the muscle in Menzies's attack). Better yet, they bring all that intensity—and more—to the stage. (Neumos, 8 pm, all ages, \$16.50/\$20.) KATHY FENNESSY

UNIIQU3, Ca\$h Bandicoot, J-Nastv

ELECTRONIC Jersey club—a vibrant, up-tempo strain of juke-influenced dance music from Newark-has grown considerably more visible over the past several years, due at least in part to superstar DJs like Diplo "discovering" and promoting it. At the same time, DJs and producers

like UNIIQU3 (aka Cherise Gary) have become something like ambassadors for what was once a hyper-local sound. Gary in particular has developed a distinctive take on the stule, building tracks around MCs in addition to the genre's trademark vocal loops. Here's a chance to hear Jersey club from a DJ who got her start by, you know, playing clubs in New Jersey. (Kremwerk, 9 pm, \$10/\$14.) **ANDREW GOSPE**

FRI DEC 8

Eveline Müller with the Klang Quintet

CLASSICAL/OPERA Resourceful Seattle percussionist Eveline Müller's music is distinguished by her self-built instrument, the Boeing, which consists of saw blades, bells, pan lids, and an airplane washer. This allows her to generate unique timbres, which she has brought to numerous experimental outfits, including Pale Nudes, Rollerball, and Bill Horist's Springtrap Hum. Tonight she coaxes skeins of unprecedented sounds with the Klang Quintet, featuring veteran avant-gardists Stuart McLeod (brainwave manipulator), Bob Rees (xylophone, percussion), Kole Galbraith (bass), Carl Farrow (electronics), Jim Knodle (trumpet), and James Drage (live sound treatments). Expect a subterranean universe of the unexpected. (Chapel Performance Space, 8 pm, \$5-\$15.) DAVE SEGAL

Grizzly Bear, serpentwithfeet

ROCK/POP There's a small irony in the fact that Grizzly Bear have made their most cohesive album now that members of the originally all-New York band are split between coasts, but the truth is that

sometimes art—and the artist—needs space to breathe. Released in August, Painted Ruins, Grizzly Bear's first album since 2012's Shields, balances their progressive folk harmonies and striking indie-rock melodies as well as the best moments from Veckatimest, and have traded most of their cerebral wandering for songs that rarely, if ever, lose momentum. (Moore Theatre, 8 pm, all ages, \$28-\$195.) **TODD HAMM**



Julien Baker. Half Waif. Adam Torres

ROCK/POP Memphis native Julien Baker discusses any and all things melancholy in her music, including substance abuse, questioning God, not being good enough... the list goes on. She pairs this with minimal piano or guitar chords that hit the sweet spot to get a tear rolling down your cheek. All sadness aside, Baker's tracks are raw, mature, and breathtakingly beautiful—it's almost as if she opens her diary to be read aloud. Baker's music is refreshing in a time when many songwriters are recycling the same themes and concepts. (Neptune Theatre, 9 pm, all ages, \$16.50/\$18.50.) ANNA KAPLAN







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Lars Finberg and the Bakersfield Moonlighters, Dreamsalon, Steal **Shit Do Drugs**

METAL/PUNK The Intelligence leader Lars Finberg returns to the city of his greatest glory, where he won a 2011 Stranger Genius Award, with a new unit, and if you dig his best-known band, you'll like the Bakersfield Moonlighters, too. The debut album for In the Red. Moonlight Over Bakersfield, finds Finberg waxing acerbic and existential over weird and wobbly garage-rock that's laced with warped keyboards and other intriguing uses of guitar and bass distortion. As strange as the Bakersfield Moonlighters' sonic world gets here, Finberg is still writing songs that aspire to earworm status. It's a balancing act he and his accomplices carry out with panache. This is also the final gig for great garage-rock mavericks Dreamsalon. (Highline, 9 pm, \$10/\$12.) **DAVE SEGAL**

SAT DEC 9

Quince Contemporary Vocal Ensemble

CLASSICAL/OPERA Quince Contemporary Vocal Ensemble-Elizabeth Pearse (soprano), Kayleigh Butcher (mezzo soprano), Amanda DeBoer Bartlett (soprano), and Carrie Henneman Shaw (soprano)-weave strangely beautiful webs of song out of their incomparably pliable vocal cords. Their intricate chamber-group interplay sounds at once ancient and avant-garde, and it abounds with surprising dynamics. QCVE could conceivably appeal to fans of 20th-century radical singers like Joan La Barbara and Urszula Dudziak. The group recently won a Chamber Music America award to commission a song cycle by LJ White, who has worked with Bang on a Can All-Stars and Alarm Will Sound, among others. (PONCHO Concert Hall, 8-10 pm, all ages, \$10-\$20.) **DAVE SEGAL**

Spyn Reset's Spread the Jam, **World's Finest. Mindbeams**

JAZZ Spyn Reset is the name, and woobly, whizzing synths are part of the game, and, yes, the "jam" means "jam band," which is going to automatically lure some of you and equally automatically sprout some yuck faces out there in this miserable weather. If it changes anybody's minds, they're kinda-sorta like Emerson Lake & Palmer-keys, drums, and a guy who switches off between guitar and bass. Unlike ELP, though, I'm willing to bet that two-thirds of the band don't think they're God in a box. Or even out of a box. Or even on a chili dog... (Barboza, 7 pm, \$8/\$10.) ANDREW HAMLIN

SUN DEC 10

Portland Cello Project: Celebrating 20 Years of OK Computer

CLASSICAL/OPERA | Lexpected that down-to-skeleton savagery of Apocalyptica, as applied to Metallica, but the Portland Cello Project-some of the time, at least-throw in woodwinds, double-reed woodwinds, and even chorus singers, turning OK Computer into chamber ensemble music. Okay by me, since chamber ensemble music usually sounds religious, and the massed voices sound like they're affirming something warmly, even if the something is pain and regret and loss and darkness. Thom Yorke usually sounds like he's standing all by himself in the rain. Arch, rich, cinematic rain. But cold, alone rain. (Benaroya Hall Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall. 7:30 pm. sold out.) ANDREW HAMLIN

DEC 11-12

Sweet Honey in the Rock

JAZZ Sweet Honey in the Rock started out in 1976, the year our increasingly bizarre country turned 200. Forty-one years later, they're still black women singing about important stuff in close harmonies, with the urgency of soul and the devotion of gospel. They added an ASL interpreter, Shirley Childress Saxton, who stayed with the band from 1981 until her death. I hope they plugged in another ASL interpreter. You can snicker at inclusiveness, but that's what it comes down to (short form). "We are America... Those other people are not America." So said RNC chairman Richard Bond in 1992. And it still is news. (Jazz Alley, 7:30 pm, all ages, \$50.) ANDREW HAMLIN

TUES DEC 12

Juan Maclean, Marcus Marr (DJ Sets)

DJ Alongside the Rapture, LCD Soundsystem, and Black Dice, Juan Maclean has been helping shape the sound of the influential DFA label since its 2003 inception. Pairing with LCD Soundsystem's Nancy Whang to provide his studio creations with a proper live band, he's also remained active as an internationally regarded DJ. He was tapped for his own entry in the long-running DJ Kicks! mix CD series in 2011 and continues to move dance floors with his classic house-inflected DJ sets. (Barboza, 8 pm, \$16/\$18.) NICK ZURKO

WED DEC 13



Alex Lahey, Lisa Prank

ROCK/POP Alex Lahey is the newest star to emerge from down under, and like her Melbourne contemporaries, she has the pop song down











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◆ to a science. Her tracks are filled to the brim. with punk elements to craft anti-anthems about anything from awkward exchanges to the friend zone. There's no doubt she takes inspiration from Courtney Barnett, but Lahey packs a more positive punch. She's at her best on "Perth Traumatic Stress Disorder," where she defends the often disregarded Aussie city in a high-strung, power-pop ambush of emotions and experiences. (Chop Suey, 8 pm, all ages, \$12/\$14.) ANNA KAPLAN

FKL, Erik Blood, NAVVI, Raica

ELECTRONIC Seattle/London duo FKL used to go by Funktionslust, a German word that means something like "pleasure in one's role." Their chilly, cleanly produced electro-pop is more functional than lusty-they've toured with buzz band of yesteryear, Wet, which is a decent stylistic reference point. Elsewhere on the bill is an eclectic mix of local electronic talent. NAVVI's nocturnal electro-pop comes closest to that of the headliner, the solo work of composer/ producer Erik Blood (Shabazz Palaces, Tacocat) is thoughtful and variegated, and a DJ set from tireless experimentalist Raica should run counter to the poppier proceedings. (Barboza, 8 pm, \$10/\$12.) **ANDREW GOSPE**

Helping Hand: A Night of **Fundraising for Jazz Legend** & Resident Artist Dr. Julian Priester

FUNDRAISER In America, a jazz giant like trombonist/composer Julian Priester must periodically rely on benefit shows to help him deal with high medical bills common to people in their 80s. It's a disgraceful situation, but thankfully, Priesterbest known for his stellar work in the 1970s with Herbie Hancock's paradigm-shifting Mwandishi group and for his 1974 fusion classic Love. Lovehas talented friends willing to step up and play their challenging jazz-fusion compositions to raise much-needed funds. Bandalabra Trio (Industrial Revelation's Evan Flory-Barnes and D'Vonne Lewis, plus saxophonist Skerik) and Priester's own ensemble, Cue, will elevate your night, for an important cause. (The Royal Room, 7:30 pm, \$20/\$25.) DAVE SEGAL

Jay-Z, Vic Mensa

HIPHOP/RAP Jay-Z is a business, a brand, and all that, and I've long respected his business moves, but forget ye not that this shit is art, not stocks or sports—and his art has damn near been George W. Bush finger paints for close to a decade. Jay-Z the MC more than regained my respect, though, with the anti-commercial, pro-Black 4:44, his most honest-feeling work possibly ever. (Thank god for the limitless magic of the game-changing Knowles women, the hardest steel his aesthetic blade has yet to sharpen itself against to date.) Beyond his sublime return to form as a lyricist, his oft-questionable taste is fairly unimpeachable here, possessing a subtlety he hasn't had since his debut. (KeyArena, 8 pm, all ages, \$35-\$293+.) LARRY MIZELL JR.

DEC 13-17



Average White Band

FUNK/REGGAE The Average White Band are indubitably remembered as mid-1970s, AM-radio, horn-rock hit makers of the highest order of the FUNK! I'd reckon their jams are what folks would now, as they did then, consider a proper dance-party soundtrack! Well, Average White Band have a Seattle residency, and they've promised to be honkin' their horns as funky as they ever did. So, y'all, it's time to dig out your patchwork denim leisure suit, press your flares, and polish up your platforms, 'cause it's about time to get down and "Pick Up the Pieces"! (Jazz Alley, \$36.50.) MIKE NIPPER

THURS DEC 14

BADBADNOTGOOD

JAZZ Three jazz students in Toronto bonded over their affinity for contemporary hiphop and tried their hand at reinterpreting the music of artists like A Tribe Called Quest and Odd Future. So began •

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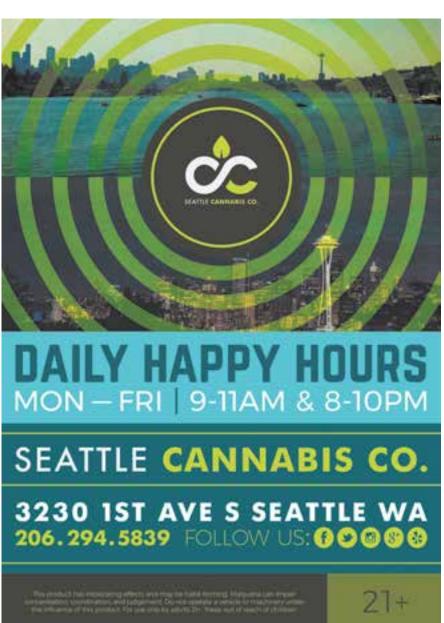
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■ BADBADNOTGOOD, and while the backstory provides an interesting angle to their original instrumental grooves, the context is unnecessary for appreciating the deft beats and smooth arrangements that grew out of those early experiments. Anyone who pines for steady, muscular patterns in jazz, some actual soul in post-rock, or organic, hiphop-inspired instrumentation would be well served to pick up a ticket. (Showbox, 8:30 pm, all ages, \$25/\$30.) BRIAN COOK

M.E.S.H., Thegn, CCL b2b NBC, Tengu Yawn

ELECTRONIC Recording for Berlin's revered PAN label, M.E.S.H. (aka James Whipple) stands as one of its most interesting producers. When he came to Seattle in 2015, I wrote that his "music sounds like Photek during his peak drum & bass phase, but slowed to a brutal dubstep tempo." His latest album, this year's Hesaitix, maintains that approach, but with atmospheres that evoke the dank desolation and contemplativeness of Burial's best work. Listening to M.E.S.H., you sense that he creates with the mind-set of an assassin. His music hits you with a pitiless, surgical impact, its sound design intricate and lethal. And for some lovely, twisted folks, that equals party time. (Kremwerk, 9 pm, \$10/\$14.) DAVE SEGAL

FRI DEC 15

The Accused AD. Demon Hammer, Hallucinator, the Devils of Loudon, Oxygen Destroyer

METAL/PUNK HELL YEAH! Well-loved, metal soaked 'n' stoked 1980s thrashers the Accused AD have our evening's "let's shred till we're dead" sorted. These cheeky ex-Accüsed members hilariously call themselves "the West Coast's premier Accüsed tribute band." Um, wait, y'all know the story? This group of shredders added the "AD" to their name to distinguish themselves from the original Accüsed, which now features only one OG member. Tonight the Accused AD will play More Fun Than an Open Casket Funeral in its entirety, to commemorate its 30th anniversaru. Also on deck tonight is thrash/NWOBHM/"Kaiju"/black metal heaviness from Demon Hammer, Hallucinator, the Devils of Loudon, and Oxygen Destroyer. (Highline, 8 pm, \$18/\$20.) MIKE NIPPER

Flobots, Bang Data, Forget Me Not

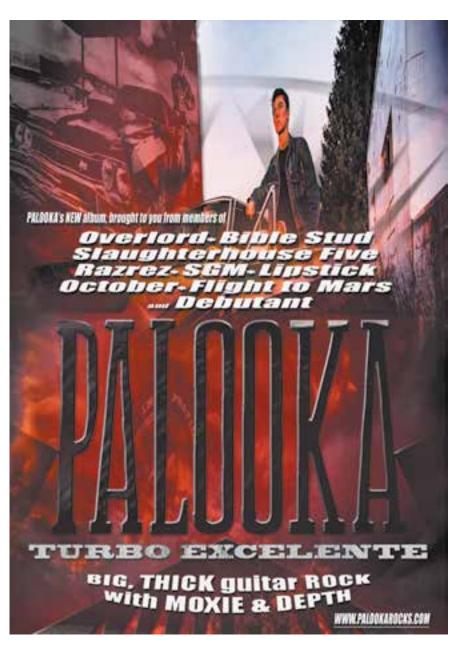
HIPHOP/RAP The word "progressive" in the context of music usually means a band trying to push the instrumental and theatrical boundaries of the genre. In almost every other subject, "progressive" means radical political egalitarianism. Hiphop act Flobots embody both senses of the word. Instead of a DJ, they employ horns, funky bass, and rock instrumentation to bring their music to life, instead of preprogrammed samples, their lyrics center on humanitarian challenges such as immigration reform. (El Corazon, 8 pm, all ages, \$15/\$17.) JOSEPH SCHAFER

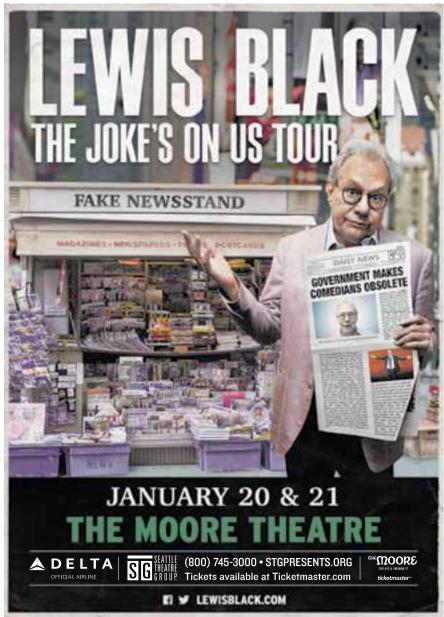
Semantron, DANGG, **Fungal Abyss**

ROCK/POP The time has come once again to implore you to witness the psychotropic splendor that is a Fungal Abyss show. Improvising after ingesting hallucinogens is not recommended to you amateurs at home, but the pros in Fungal Abyss turn this high-wire stunt into heavierthan-a-death-in-the-family psychedelia. Every FA performance I've been fortunate enough to attend is a brain-blasting adventure. Headliners Semantron have no music available right now. but their personnel—Brothers of the Sonic Cloth's Dave French, Neurosis's Scott Kelly, Green Jello's Guy Nelson-portends gargantuan catharsis. (Substation, 8 pm, \$8.) DAVE SEGAL

Theories, Tacos!, the Family Curse

METAL/PUNK Joe "Grindo" Axler is a true example of the eclectic nature of modern heavy metal. When he's not serving you behind the bar, Axler plays drums for two of the heaviest yet sonically opposite metal bands in the Northwest. On one hand, there's Samothrace, who play slow, crushing doom metal with an average song length somewhere around the 10-minute mark. On the opposite side of the spectrum, there's Theories. which is the musical equivalent of a brick to the face-raging, unapologetic grinding death metal played at a breakneck speed. Release that tension with Theories and let them grind your mind. (Sunset Tavern, 9 pm, \$10.) KEVIN DIERS















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SAT DEC 16

Lindsey Stirling

CLASSICAL/OPERA Classical violinist Lindsey Stirling is trying to cross over to the pop and EDM worlds. It's a bit of an awkward fit, fusing virtuosic strings redolent of 19th-century Europe with the distorted bass drops and massive, splashy beats of this decade's brostep. But one must give credit to Stirling for attempting such an unlikely commingling of musical elements. Against the odds, her bold stab at making stuffy classical music shake its ass has garnered Stirling a large following. This show is part of her Warmer in Winter Christmas Tour. (Paramount Theatre, 8 pm, all

List

The Barr Brothers, Angelo de Augustine Neumos, Sat Dec 16.

8 pm, all ages, \$17/\$20 Rlitzen Trapper, Lilly Hiatt

Tractor Tavern, Thurs Dec 7, 8 pm, \$22

Cam, Logan Mize Crocodile, Fri Dec 15, 8 pm, all ages, \$20\$79

The Cave Singers Turn 10! with Shelby Earl and Ages & Ages

Tractor Tavern, Dec 8-9. 9 pm, \$20

Dude York, Naked Giants, Dogbreth Crocodile, Sat Dec 16, 8 pm, all ages, \$3/\$5

Emily Haines & The Soft Skeleton

Benaroya Hall, Fri Dec 8, 8 pm, \$36

Phobia, Xoth, Vitriol, the Great Sorcerer, Nosretep, Envenom

METAL/PUNK Orange County grindcore mainstays Phobia didn't reinvent themselves on 2017's Lifeless God. Not that they needed to. The band's warp-speed metallic punk, fueled by drummer Bryan Fajardo's mastery of the blast beat, can whip cervical spine vertebrae into creamy mush. The band's set at the second night of this year's Hail Santa is sure to be a highlight of the annual fest. Further mind-bending will be provided by local wunderkinds Xoth, whose 2016 album Invasion of the Tentacube continues to make waves in the metal underground. (Highline, 8 pm, \$18/\$20.) JOSEPH SCHAFER

SUN DEC 17



Alice Merton

ROCK/POP Alice Merton's breakout hit, "No Roots," rides a funky bass groove and a drum pound on every down beat, while she-who has an Irish father and a German mother—sings about having no roots, indeed, and her home "was never on the ground." This appeals to young people, naturally, who often don't wish to belong to where and who they came from, an expression of spreading and measuring one's wings. Some people set out on the road away from home, and some never go back. And not all who are lost wander. I wonder how

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ages, \$31-\$969 (sold out).) DAVE SEGAL Jhené Aiko, Willow **Short** Smith, Kodie Shane, Kitty Cash

Showbox Sodo, Thurs Dec 7, 8 pm, all ages, \$30/\$35 Josh Garrels

Neptune Theatre, Sun Dec 17, 8 pm, all ages, \$23.50/\$36.50

Maldoggies Family Christmas with Tractor Tavern, Dec 15-16, 9 pm, \$15

The Overcoats Crocodile, Thurs Dec 7, 8 pm, \$16

Patterson Hood, Guests Sunset Tavern, Sat Dec 9, 7 pm, 10 pm, \$25

Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox Paramount Theatre, Fri Dec 15, 8 pm, all ages, \$35-\$49

SUSTO, Esmé Patterson Tractor Tavern, Wed Dec 13, 8 pm, \$14/\$16

Valerie June, Gill Landry

Showbox, Thurs Dec 7, 8:30 pm, all ages, \$24/\$28



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◆ Merton herself shall live this out. (Crocodile, 7 pm, all ages, \$13.) ANDREW HAMLIN

TUES DEC 19

Daedelus, Free the Robots, Mono/Poly

ELECTRONIC For nearly two decades, Daedelus (né Alfred Darlington) has been plying his post-hiphop electronica within LA's explosive beat scene and beyond, also serving as one of the early DJs behind the legendary Dublab online radio station. Nimbly jumping across seemingly every niche genre in electronic music while retaining his own singular voice, he's a powerhouse live performer whose shows feature him deconstructing and remixing his prolific back catalog on the fly via his entrancing Monome setup. (Neumos, 8 pm, \$18/\$20.) **NICK ZURKO**

DEC 20-22

Pedro the Lion, Advance Base

ROCK/POP Given his consistently stark narratives and melancholic melodies, David Bazan's solo career really just seemed like a continuation of Pedro the Lion's patient and sparse songwriting. Bazan's recent textural explorations, initiated by the synth-driven Headphones project, were possibly too much of a deviation for a single moniker, though it's tough to believe that indie-rock fans in the post-Kid A world would get upset about a few keyboards. So the return of the Pedro the Lion means hearing some long-retired classics, though anyone who loved records like Control shouldn't have felt deprived of Bazan's stark baritone over the last decade. (Tractor Tavern, 8 pm, sold out.) BRIAN COOK

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Early Warnings

MACKLEMORE KeyArena, Dec 22-23, 7:30 pm, \$44+

RESOLUTION 2018 WaMu Theater, Fri Dec 29, 6:30 pm, \$92/\$167

G3: JOE SATRIANI, JOHN PETRUCCI, PHIL COLLEN Moore Theatre, Thurs Jan 11, 7 pm, \$47+

ST. VINCENT Moore Theatre, Jan 18-19, 8 pm. \$33.50+

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO Neptune Theatre, Sun Jan 21, 8 pm, \$33.50

QUEENS OF THE STONE AGE KeyArena. Thurs Jan 25, 8 pm, \$36-\$56

MATOMA Neptune Theatre, Fri Jan 26, 9 pm, \$29/\$104

AN EVENING WITH LYLE LOVETT AND ROBERT **EARL KEEN** Washington Center for the Performing Arts, Sat Jan 27, 7:30 pm, \$45-\$107

MIRANDA LAMBERT, JON PARDI, TURNPIKE TROUBADOURS Tacoma Dome, Thurs Feb 1, 7 pm, \$40/\$75

DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS, LILLY HIATT Moore Theatre, Sat Feb 3, 8 pm, \$22.50-\$37

KATY PERRY Tacoma Dome. Sat Feb 3, 7:30 pm. \$50+

KIMBRA, ARC IRIS Neumos, Sun Feb 11, 8 pm, \$25

CLAP YOUR HANDS SAY YEAH Tractor Tavern, Mon Feb 12, 8 pm, \$20/\$22

MUMIY TROLL Neptune Theatre, Thurs Feb 15, 8 pm,

CARLA BRUNI Benaroya Hall, Sun Feb 25, 8 pm, \$45-\$75

SNARKY PUPPY, BANDA MAGDA Moore Theatre, Sun Feb 25, 8 pm, \$32.50

TUNE-YARDS Showbox, Mon Feb 26, 8:30 pm, \$29-\$50

BAHAMAS Neptune Theatre, Tues Feb 27, 8 pm, \$20

LORDE KeyArena, Fri March 9, 7 pm, \$36.50-\$96

ANDY GRAMMER Neptune Theatre, Wed March 21, 8 nm \$28/\$30.50

BRANDI CARLILE, MARLON WILLIAMS Moore Theatre, March 30-31, 7:30 pm, \$38-\$78

JUDAS PRIEST ShoWare Center, Sun April 15, 7 pm, \$44.25-\$94.25

CIGARETTES AFTER SEX Neptune Theatre, Mon April 23, 8 pm, \$20.50/\$23.50

NANA MOUSKOURI Moore Theatre, Tues May 1, 7:30 pm, \$45-\$75

SHANIA TWAIN Tacoma Dome, Thurs May 3, 7:30 pm, \$51-\$311+

TAYLOR SWIFT CenturyLink Field, Tues May 22, 5 pm

SASQUATCH! MUSIC FESTIVAL Gorge Amphitheatre, May 25-27, 12 pm, \$325

MAROON 5. JULIA MICHAELS Tacoma Dome. Wed May 30, 7:30 pm, \$45-\$405

THE KOOKS Showbox Sodo, Fri June 1, 8 pm, \$31.75/\$33.75

PARADISO FESTIVAL Gorge Amphitheatre, June

HARRY STYLES, KACEY MUSGRAVES KeyArena, Sat July 7, 8 pm, \$25-\$521

KENNY CHESNEY CenturyLink Field, Sat July 7, 5 pm, \$29-\$323

TIM MCGRAW & FAITH HILL KeyArena, Fri July 13, 7:30 pm, \$69.50-\$419+

NIALL HORAN, MAREN MORRIS White River Amphitheatre, Thurs Aug 2, 7 pm, \$29.50-\$296+

WEEZER, PIXIES, THE WOMBATS White River Amphitheatre, Sat Aug 4, 7:30 pm, \$25-\$253

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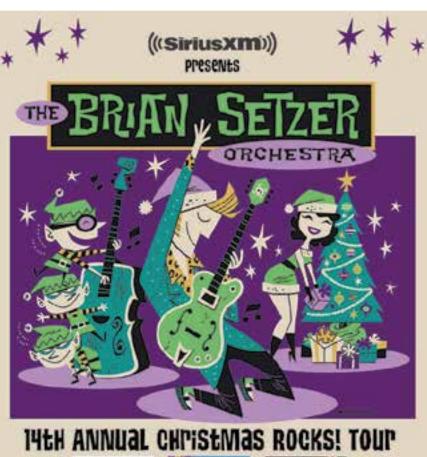




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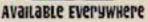


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Fri 12/8

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 BALLARD HOMESTEAD Lucy Kaplansky, Debbie Miller, 7:30 pm, \$20/\$25

BARBOZA Stres, Cory J Brewer, e.ravenscraft, 9 pm, \$8/\$10 BLUE MOON TAVERN The

Kingdom Boogie Band, Ezza Rose Band, Dumb Thumbs, 8:30 pm. \$8 CONOR BYRNE Jason Webley

Hot Damn Scandal, 8 pm-12 am COUTH BUZZARD BOOKS ESPRESSO BUONO CAFE Jaspar Lepak, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$10 CROCODILE Hundred Waters.

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Glaring, Snaketopus, 9 pm, \$8 A STUDIO SEVEN Darkest Hour, Warbringer, Exmortus, Darkness Stole The Sky, ReEvolution, 6:30 pm, \$15/\$20

SUNSET TAVERN The Stone Foxes, The Mondegreens, 8:30 nm \$15

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R PLACE Transcendence, 9:30 pm, free STUDIO SEVEN Flectric Fridays, 10 pm-2 am, \$0-\$20

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The Hugs, 8:30 pm, \$8 **CENTRAL SALOON** Araless Mike Larry Drew, Koga Shabazz, Dex Amora, Meanz of Operation, 8 pm-2 am, \$8/\$10

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HIGH DIVE Brass Monkeys, Alki Jones, Fortress of the Bear, 9 pm, \$8/\$12

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Boogie Brown Band, Kore Ionz, DJ Solid Sound, 8 pm, \$13

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Peterson Band: Ideation, 6 pm, \$10/\$14 ★ 🙆 THE ROYAL ROOM Thione Diop, 11 am, \$5

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SHOWBOX Big Head Todd & The Monsters, SIMO, 8 pm, \$35/\$38 SLIM'S LAST CHANCE CHILI SHACK AND WATERING HOLE Jenny Don't & The Spurs, Wildcat

Rose, Darci Carlson, 9 pm, \$8 TIM'S TAVERN The Harper Conspiracy, The Close Seconds, General Vicinity, 9 pm, free

THE UNDERGROUND Verotica Mike Sniffen, 10 pm, \$7-\$15

VICTORY LOUNGE Oh, Rose 8 pm, \$5/\$8

WATERSHED PUB & KITCHEN Live at the Shed, 12 pm, 9 pm Free at Brunch/\$5 at Dinner

ASTON MANOR DNA Saturdaus, 10 pm-2 am, free

BALLARD LOFT DJ Saturdaus

BARBOZA Hey Now! All You Guilty Pleasures & One-Hit Wonders, 10:30 pm, free

CHOP SUEY Dance Yourself Clean, 9 pm, Free before 10pm/\$5 after 10pm

★ CUFF DJ Night, 10 pm

FOUNDATION Elevate Saturdays, \$15-30

HAVANA Havana Social,

LAVA LOUNGE Detention. 9 pm-2 am, free

★ LO-FI Emerald City Soul Club,

MONKEY LOFT DROP. \$10 NEIGHBOURS Powermix. 8 pm-3:59 am, \$5

PONY Different Drummer

Q NIGHTCLUB Haute Sauce: Lourawk, Beeba, Charma Swervewon, 10 pm-2 am, \$12

STAGE SEATTLE Vice Saturdays, 10 pm-2 am, Free before 10:45pm/\$15 after 10:45nm

A STUDIO SEVEN TUNDRA

SUBSTATION December B2B

THE BALLROOM Sinful Saturdays, 9 pm, free

★ TIMBRE ROOM Rapture, 10 nm-2 am. \$10

TRINITY Reload Saturdaus.

XTADIUM Saturday Nights at Xtadium, 10 pm-2 am, free

JAZZ

THE HILLMAN CITY COLLABORATORY Black & Tan Hall Presents: La Matriz del Tambor, Vol. 1, 8 pm-1 am, \$15/\$18

★ JAZZ ALLEY Rou Hargrove Quintet, \$33.50

SEAMONSTER LOUNGE Cubano Y Latino, 7 pm, \$10

★ TULA'S D'Vonne Lewis. 7:30 pm, \$20

VITO'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE Jerry Zimmerman, 6-9

★ VITO'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE Kareen 9:30 pm, free

CLASSICAL/ OPERA

BALLARD FIRST LUTHERAN A Holiday Concert with The Market Street Singers, 3 pm, 7:30 pm, free

 BENAROYA HALL S.
 MARK TAPER FOUNDATION
 AUDITORIUM Holiday Pops, \$34-\$96

 BRECHEMIN AUDITORIUM 7:30 nm free

A CHAPEL PERFORMANCE SPACE Seth Parker Woods, Cello, 8 pm, \$5-\$15

★ EDMONDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Handel's Messiah, 6:30 pm, free

donations accepted EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH Light in the Darkness 7:30 pm, \$35/\$45

O FEDERAL WAY PERFORMING ARTS AND EVENT CENTER O. Fmm 7:30 pm, \$4-\$33

A HIGHLINE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER Christmas Sounds in Burien, 2 pm, \$20/\$25

MEANY HALL Montrose Trio.

A PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY Gloria: A Christmas Celebration, Sold Out

 QUEEN ANNE CHRISTIAN CHURCH "Together" -Celebration of the Finnish Centennial, 7:30-9:30 pm. \$30/\$40

 SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Seattle Pro Music. Winter Rose, 3 pm, 7:30 pm, \$12-\$38

★ 🙆 ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL ell Sing We, 8 pm, \$15-\$35/ ★ A ST MARK'S

CATHEDRAL Buon Natale: An Italian Christmas, 8 pm, \$25

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH A Festival of Lessons & Carols, 7 pm, \$11-\$28

DANCE

KREMWERK C89.5FM Presents: Local Love, 8 pm, \$3-\$7

Sun 12/10

LIVE MUSIC

ANCHOR PUB Leah Tussing & Rafael Tranquilino, 2-5 pm

BARBOZA Carina Lewis, Susan Galbraith, Olivia De La Cruz, 8 m, \$10

A BLACK LODGE Ensenulcher Acid Feast, Fetid, Oxyger Destroyer, 9 pm-12 am, \$5-\$10

CENTRAL LIBRARY Lithuanian

A EL CORAZON Lee DeWyze, Frank Viele, 7:30 pm, \$18-\$60 FADO IRISH PUB Irish Sessions

• FREMONT ABBEY Open Space, 8-9 pm, free HIGHLINE The Oxford Coma,

Bitter Lake, The Chrome Lakes, 9 pm, \$10/\$12 THE LAKE TRAIL

TAPROOM Sunday Open Blues Jam, 3-7:30 pm, free NECTAR Honeucomb, Jackson

Whalan, Radio Rahe Brightside, 8 pm, \$10/\$15 AJ Hernz, Castro Escobar, 8 pm, \$20-\$60 A NEUMOS Snow The Product

♠ PIER 66 KEXP Deck the Dock: A Kids' Dance Party, 2-4 pm, free A SHOWBOX Seattle Rock

Orchestra's Holiday Party, 1 pm, \$10-\$20 SKYLARK CAFE & CLUB Alec Shaw, Runaway Satellite, Ian Jones, 6-10 pm

A STUDIO SEVEN Fit For A King, In Hearts Wake, Like Moths to a Flame, Phineas, Follow The Lights, 6 pm, \$18/\$22

John & the Revelations, Ry Flannery & The Night Owls, Patrick Galactic, 7 pm, free

BALTIC ROOM Resurrection

Sundays, 9 pm-2 am, \$5

CUFF Sunday Tea Dance,

NEIGHBOURS Noche Latino, 10

NIGHTJAR REVEL | A Sunday

PONY The World's Tiniest Tea

R PLACE Homo Hop. 10 pm

THE UPSTAIRS Turntable

★ RE-BAR Flammable, 10 pm-

Sundae: Liquid Dreams, 7 pm-

THE ANGRY BEAVER Jazz at

CAPITOL CIDER Sunday Night

CORNISH PLAYHOUSE AT

Jose Gonzales Trio performs 'ĀúA Charlie Brown Christmas'Āù, 1 pm, 6 pm, \$15-\$75

DARRELL'S TAVERN Sunday

★ JAZZ ALLEY Roy Hargrove

Night Jazz Jam, 8 pm, free

Quintet, \$33.50 THE ROYAL ROOM

niversity Prep Jazz

Extravaganza 8-10 pm free

TULA'S Jazz Police, 4 pm, \$5

the Beaver, 9 pm. free

Jazz Flights, 6 pm, free

SEATTLE CENTER

Tea Dance, 4-9 pm, free

Dance, 4-9 pm, free

5-11 pm. free

THE ARTS Holiday Pops! 7:30 pm, \$10-\$27 CONTOUR Top A Top, 9 pm, free

LIVE MUSIC

 EL CORAZON Little Miss Nasty, Gina and the Eastern Block, Casualty of God, 8 pm, \$15/\$18

THE ROYAL ROOM Leah T.

SUNSET TAVERN Nicole Atkins, Lauren Ruth Ward, Thayer

TIM'S TAVERN Rock-O-Taco

TRACTOR TAVERN Charlie Parr John Mark Nelson, 8 pm, \$15

BALTIC ROOM Drum & Bass

★ HAVANA Real Love '90s MERCHRY Die \$5 R PLACE Turnt Up 2zdaus

★ ② TULA'S Jim Cutler Jazz Orchestra, 7:30 pm, \$10 VITO'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE Bob Ham

6-9 pm, free ★ VITO'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE The Ron Wei 9:30 pm, free

CLASSICAL/ OPERA

A BENAROYA HALL S. MARK TAPER FOUNDATION AUDITORIUM Holiday Pops, \$34-\$96

BENAROYA HALL S. MARK TAPER FOUNDATION AUDITORIUM Seattle Men's Chorus: A Sassy Brassy Holiday, \$34-\$84

A FDMONDS CENTER FOR THE ARTS Holiday Pops!, 7:30 pm, \$10-\$27

MEMMANUEL EPISCOPAL **CHURCH** A Festival of Lessons & Carols, 7 pm, \$11-\$28

GREEN LAKE METHODIST CHURCH Mandolin Messiah. 7 pm, \$20

A HIGHLINE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER Christmas Sounds in Burien, 2 pm, \$20/\$25

ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL Light in the Darkness, 2 pm, \$35

CATHEDRAL Compline Choir. 9:30 pm, free

 UNIVERSITY UNITARIAN CHURCH Christmas with Pro Musica, 3 pm, \$5-\$20

Mon I2/II

LIVE MUSIC

CAPITOL CIDER Monday Night Jam - "Cider Sessions", 9:30 nm-1 am free CONOR BYRNE Bluegrass Jam

FI CORAZON The

Supersuckers, The Bellrays, The Bombpops, 8 pm, \$15/\$18 THE ROYAL ROOM Casa de la

va Hosted by SuperSo

7:30 pm, free

BALTIC ROOM Jam Jam. 9

★ BAR SUE Motown on Mondays, 10 pm, free

JAZZ

NECTAR Mo' Jam Mondays, 8:30 pm-12:30 am, free

CLASSICAL/ OPERA

EDMONDS CENTER FOR

Tues 12/12

BLUE MOON TAVERN Total Tuesday Nights, 8-11 pm, free

FREMONT ABBEY The

HIGH DIVE Hillside '77, Foxy Apollo, The Evergreen Effect, 8 nm \$6/\$8

Serrano, 8 pm, \$15

JAZZ **OWL N' THISTLE** Jazz with Eric Verlinde, 8 pm, free

★ THE ROYAL ROOM The SEAMONSTER LOUNGE Joe

★ TULA'S David Marriott's TULA'S Emerald City Jazz Orchestra, 7:30 pm, \$10

Wed 12/13

LIVE MUSIC

BUCKLEY'S IN BELLTOWN CAPITOL CIDER Capitol Cider

© EL CORAZON Figure It Out, Late Phases, 7:30 pm, \$8/\$10 THE FUNHOUSE Travis Linville

HIGH DIVE LOYAL, Gravy, Rookie

Warhead, 8 pm, \$6/\$8 HIGHWAY 99 Wasted Words

THE KRAKEN BAR & LOUNGE Tetchy, Replicants, Shake the Baby Til the Love Comes Out, 9 pm, \$7 NECTAR A Galaxy Far, Far

Away... The Concert, 8 pm, \$15/\$20 NEUMOS Ofenbach, 8 pm, \$12 THE ROYAL ROOM Funk

Church, 10 pm, free A SHOWARE CENTER 2017 Hometown Holiday, 8 pm, \$38-\$137

SUBSTATION Crystal Beth & the Boom Boom Band, RGK & The Alternative Facts, Dragontail Peak 8 nm \$8

Uaves, Foxy Apollo, Save Bandit, 7 pm, \$8/\$10

BASTILLE CAFE BAR Le Verlan with DJ Paces Lift, 8-11 pm, free CONTOUR Depth, 10 pm-2

FOUNDATION SUBstance Wednesdays, 10 pm, \$0-10 NEIGHBOURS Level Up 18+, 9 pm, Free Before 10pm/\$10 After 10pm

QUEER BAR Queer Bar DJ

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TIMBRE ROOM OPAL, 9 pm

JAZZ

COLUMBIA CITY THEATER Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra with Gail Pettis, 7:30 pm, \$15

EGAN'S BALLARD JAM HOUSE Vocal Showcase and Jam. 7 pm. \$10

TIM'S TAVERN Jazz Night with Stuart McDonald, 8 pm, free
TULA'S Jim Sisko's Bellevue College Jazz Orchestra, 7:30 pm, \$12

★ VERMILLION Tables 8 Chairs Presents, 8 pm, \$5-\$15 Suggested Donation

VITO'S RESTAURANT &

Thurs 12/14

LIVE MUSIC

BARBOZA Ben Sollee with The Kentucky Native, 8 pm, \$14/\$16 BLUE MOON TAVERN Rego, Guests, 8:30 pm, \$8

 CHOP SUEY The Spill
Canvas, Wild, Super Whatever Moments, Hampton, 7 pm, \$15/\$17

★ THE CLOUD ROOM White Baby Grand Series with Shenandoah Davis & Friends, 5:30-7:30 pm

COLUMBIA CITY THEATER Crash the Glass, 8 pm

CONOR BYRNE Winter Solstice Masquerade, 8 pm-12 am CROCODILE Robert Wynia & The Sound, 8 pm, \$15

CROCODILE Puget Sound Live: JacMov Record Release Show, 9 pm, \$10

 EL CORAZON Redeem Revive, The World Over, As Pillars Fall, 7 pm, \$10/\$12 THE FUNHOUSE Iffy Comma,

Step Dads, Hello I'm Sorry, 7:30 pm, \$8/\$10

HIGH DIVE Marmalade.

NECTAR Fatal Lucciauno, Onry Ozzborn, Cally Reed, Bari Bux, Keezy, 9 pm, \$12

NEUMOS Black Whales, Fruit Juice, Gibraltar, 8 pm, \$10/\$12 **Q NIGHTCLUB** Monkey Safari, Julie Herrera, Errant Sons, Jason Woo, 9 pm-2 am, \$11

SNOQUALMIE CASINO Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, 6:30 pm

\$25-\$50 SUNSET TAVERN Marina & The

Dreamboats, Tobias the Owl, Jerett Samples, 9 pm, \$8 TRACTOR TAVERN An Evening

with Charlie Hunter Trio, Silvana Estrada, and Skerik!, 8 pm, \$20 VICTORY LOUNGE The Deadrones, Supernaut, Duckbill Radypuss, Buff Muff, 8 pm, \$5/\$8

BASTILLE CAFE BAR Vinyl CONTOUR Jaded, 9 pm, free GRIM'S Special Blends, 8 pm-

★ HAVANA Sophisticated Mama, 9 pm, fre

NEIGHBOURS Queen, 9 pm QUEER BAR FI NI ... free QUEER BAR Queer Bar DJ

R PLACE Thirstu Thursdaus. THE BALLROOM Throwback

TIMBRE ROOM BUITT DAY 5-9

TRINITY Pregame Thursdays, 9 pm-2 am, free

XTADIUM Sultry Thursdays, 10 pm-2 am, free

★ BARCA Jazz at Barca, 9 pm-12 am, free

FREMONT TAVERN Mark Lewis with Dick Lupino, 8-11 pm, free

SEATTLE ART MUSEUM Art of Jazz: Duende Libre, 5:30-7:30 nm. free ★ TULA'S Ron Jones' Jazz

Forest, 7 pm, \$12 VITO'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE Casey MacGill, 5:30-8

★ VITO'S RESTAURANT &

Fri 12/15

LIVE MUSIC

88 KEYS Dueling Piano Show,

BARBOZA Hurricane Harvey Benefit Show with Actionesse Asterhouse, and Temple Canyor 7 pm, \$10

BLUE MOON TAVERN Quiet, Kings of Cavalier, Maklak, 9 pm, \$8

O CENTRAL SALOON Lust Punch, Ghost Town Whistlers, Honor Hall, Petey Normal, 7 pm-12 am. \$8

THE FUNHOUSE Wisco Skates!, Freeway Park, 9:30 pm, \$6/\$8

HIGH DIVE Ronhaar, John Dillon, Cold Soda, Coach Phillips, 9 pm, \$8/\$12 HIGHWAY 99 The Rae Gordon

Band, 8 pm, \$16 THE KRAKEN BAR & LOUNGE

Sticky Situation, C U Next Tuesday, Disorderlies, Mud On My Bra, 9 pm, \$7 ★ LO-FI Ball of Wax 50: The

Foghorns, Screens, Visceral Candy, The Laughing Group, Jenni Potts, 9 pm, \$8/\$10 NECTAR DeadPhish Orchestra, Swindler, 9 pm, \$10/\$15

NEUMOS Collie Buddz, Jess Royal, Two Story Zori, 8 pm, \$25

★ RE-BAR Soul-Fi, 10 pm, \$0-\$10 before 11pm/\$7 after

THE ROYAL ROOM Mary J. Blige: Evolution of a Woman Tribute Show, 7 pm, 9:30 pm SEAMONSTER LOUNGE Funky SHOWBOX Fkali, Medasin,

SKYLARK CAFE & CLUB Smoking Bill, Fortress of the Bear, 8 pm-12 am, \$8

SLIM'S LAST CHANCE CHILI SHACK AND WATERING HOLE Communist Eyes, Burien, Dead Man. 9 pm-12 am. \$8

★ TRACTOR TAVERN Maldoggies Family Christmas with Widower, 9 pm, \$15

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ASTON MANOR House Party ridays, 10 pm-2 am, \$20 BALLARD LOFT Flashback

FOLINDATION Resonat ridays, 9 pm-2 am, \$15-\$30 HAVANA Viva Havana, 9 pm, \$15

KREMWERK Trust 10 nm NEIGHBOURS Absolut Fridaus 9 pm-3:59 am. \$5

NIGHTJAR Young Guns Showcase, 10 pm-2 am, Free Before 11pm/\$10 After 11pm

PONY Sweat. 9 nm-2 am Q NIGHTCLUB JET: DJ Slink.

R PLACE Transcendence 9:30 pm, free

STUDIO SEVEN Flectric Fridays, 10 pm-2 am, \$0-\$20 **THE BALLROOM** Rendezvous

THE CARLILE ROOM Maxwell

THERAPY LOUNGE Nostalgia,

TIMBRE ROOM Foolish Fridays 10 pm-2:30 am, \$7

TRINITY Massive Fridaus, free VERMILLION Session Fridays,

10 nm-2 am free VERMILLION Wildstyle,

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CYPRESS WINE BAR

(A) IVAR'S MUKITED LANDING Holiday Barber Quartets, 6-7:30 pm, free LATONA PUB Phil Sparks Trio,

★ TULA'S Kareem Kandi Band 7:30 pm, \$20

VERMILLION Jordan Wiegert Jazz Quintet Debut, 7-9 pm, \$5

★ VITO'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE Michael Owcharuk Trio, 9 pm, free

CLASSICAL/ **OPERA**

A BENAROYA HALL ILLSLEY BALL NORDSTROM RECITAL HALL The Coats Annual Holiday Extraordinaire - Shine On!!, \$42.50

AUDITORIUM Handel's Messiah \$24-\$89

A ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH A
Byzantine Christmas: The Sun of
Justice, 8 pm, \$24-\$49

Sat 12/16

LIVE MUSIC

 AMANDINE BAKESHOP Saturday Lounge, 2-4 pm, free BARBOZA Scarlet Parke, Fell

From a Star, 7 pm, \$8/\$10 A BLACK LODGE The New Trust, Blessed, Slumberbox, 8 pm. \$5-\$10

BLUE MOON TAVERN Kurly Somthing, Corespondents, Cantrip, Guests, 8:30 pm, \$8

CENTRAL SALOON Boxcar Tourists, Post Adolescence, Falling Blind, 8-11:30 pm

♠ CROSSROADS SHOPPING CENTER Northwest Folklife Night, 6:30-8 pm

THE FUNHOUSE

Monsterwatch, Choke The Pope, Porn Bloopers, Baywitch, 9 pm, \$6/\$8

HIGH DIVE Devils Hunt Me Down, Woodshed Thunderhound, Sun Mother, 8 pm, \$8/\$10

HIGHWAY 99 Kevin Selfe & The Portland Blues All-Star Big Band, 8 pm, \$20

THE KRAKEN BAR & LOUNGE Silent Opposition, Raw Dogs, The Brass, Head Honcho, 9 pm-2 am \$5

MEANY HALL An Appalachian Christmas, \$49

PHOTON FACTORY Warehouse Benefit for Immigration Justice, 8 pm, \$10-\$15 THE ROYAL ROOM Jessica

Lurie Ensemble CD Relea Show, 8:30 pm, \$15/\$18

SEAMONSTER LOUNGE 700 FUNK, 10 pm, \$10 SHOWBOX SODO Sto

Panther, 8 pm, \$25/\$30 SKYLARK CAFE & CLUB Zelda Starfire, Opal-Thistle Pistol Sisters, Wildcat Rose,

9 nm-12 am \$8

SLIM'S LAST CHANCE CHILI SHACK AND WATERING HOLE Thee Deception, Pukesnak 29A, 9 pm, \$8

STUDIO SEVEN Windowpane Wyatt Olney & the Wreckage, Kiss The Gunners Daughter, Jason Kertson III, Superfekta, 6 pm, \$15/\$20

SUBSTATION Phono Paradiso Cold Comfort, Colorworks, New Felts, 8 pm, \$8

SUNSET TAVERN Jupe Jupe, Trick Candles, Razor Clam, 9 pm, \$10

★ TRACTOR TAVERN Maldoggies Family Christmas with Widower, 9 pm, \$15

O VERA PROJECT The Wrecks, Brick + Mortar, Loveluthehand 7 nm \$13/\$15 VITO'S RESTAURANT &

LOUNGE The Tarantellas

ASTON MANOR DNA

BALLARD LOFT DJ Saturdays,

BARBOZA Hey Now! All Your Guilty Pleasures & One-Hit Wonders, 10:30 pm, free

CHOP SUEY Dance Yourself Clean, 9 pm, Free before 10pm/\$5 after 10pm

★ CUFF DJ Night, 10 pm-3

EDEN SEATTLE Fancy as F#ck: The Naughty List, 9 pm, \$20/\$25 FOUNDATION Elevate

Saturdays, \$15-30 HAVANA Havana Social, 9

LO-FI SNAP! 90s Dance Party,

* NECTAR Around The World With KEXP: KEXP Mash-Up Party, 9 pm, \$6/\$8

NEIGHBOURS Powermix, 8 pm-3:59 am, \$5

PONY Meat, 9 pm, free Q NIGHTCLUB Haute Sauce Lourawk, Beeba, Famous, Swervewon, 10 pm-2 am, \$12

RE-BAR Ceremony, 10 pm-2

STAGE SEATTLE Vice Saturdays, 10 pm-2 am, Free before 10:45pm/\$15 after

THE BALLROOM Sinful Saturdays, 9 pm, free

TRINITY Reload Saturdays, 9

VERMILLION Pad Pushers, 9

XTADIUM Saturday Nights at Xtadium, 10 pm-2 am, free

JAZZ

⚠ IVAR'S MUKILTEO LANDING Holiday Barbershop
Quartets, 6-7:30 pm, free

SEAMONSTER LOUNGE Cubano Y Latino, 7 pm, \$10

★ 🙆 TULA'S Susan Pascal Quartet with Bill Anschell, Chuck Deardorf, and John Bishop, 7:30 pm, \$20

VITO'S RESTAURANT &

CLASSICAL/ **OPERA**

△ BASTYR UNIVERSITY Seattle Pro Musica: Winter 3 pm, 7:30 pm, \$12-\$38

 BENAROYA HALL ILLSLEY
BALL NORDSTROM RECITAL HALL The Coats Annual Holiday ordinaire - Shine On!!, \$42.50

★ 🙆 BENAROYA HALL S. MARK TAPER FOUNDATION
AUDITORIUM Handel's Messiah, \$24-\$89

A FIRST FREE METHODIST CHURCH Handel's Mes 7:30 pm, \$10-\$25

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH Handel's Messiah, \$10-\$24

O PILGRIM HALL, MAGNOLIA UNITED CHURCH

OF CHRIST NOCCO: Mystics, Servants, & Devils, 2-4 pm, \$15/\$25 ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL A

Festival of Lessons & Carols, 7:30 pm, \$11-\$35 UNIVERSITY

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH City Cantabile Choir - Annual Winter Concert 2017, \$15/\$20

SPECIAL EVENTS

A THE ROYAL ROOM Holiday

Sun 12/17

LIVE MUSIC

 BLACK LODGE Familiars, Cool American, Emma Lee Toyoda, Sleepover Club, 8 pm, \$5-\$10

FADO IRISH PUB Irish Sessions, 4-7 pm, free

HIGH DIVE In Aisle Eight, Black iraffe, Etchings, 8 pm, \$6/\$8

THE LAKE TRAIL
TAPROOM Sunday Open Blues
Jam, 3-7:30 pm, free

MEANY HALL An Appalachian

SEAMONSTER LOUNGE Nick SKYLARK CAFE & CLUB Lil

Woadie, Thee Prophecy. 7 pm, \$10 SNOQUALMIE CASINO Dwight

Yoakam, 7 pm, \$50-\$100 SUNSET TAVERN Six Killer Shake Some Action, The Pop Cycle, 8 pm, \$8

DJ

BALTIC ROOM Resurrection Sundays, 9 pm-2 am, \$5 CIUDAD Day Shift, 3-10 pm,

CONTOUR Top A Top, 9 pm, free CUFF Sunday Tea Dance, 5-11

KREMWERK Fraktured, 9 pm-2

NEIGHBOURS Noche Latino, 10

NIGHTJAR REVEL | A Sunday Tea Dance, 4-9 pm, free

PONY The World's Tiniest Tea Dance, 4-9 pm, free

R PLACE Homo Hop, 10 pm ★ RE-BAR Flammable, 10 pm-3

★ TIMBRE ROOM World Beat Sundays, 4-9 pm, \$5

JAZZ

ANCHOR PUB Rob

THE ANGRY BEAVER Jazz at

CAPITOL CIDER Sunday Night DARRELL'S TAVERN Sunday

FRYE ART MUSEUM Jazz in the ity: Garfield High School Jazz nsemble, 2 pm, free

★ ▲ TULA'S Jim Cutler Jazz Orchestra, 7:30 pm, \$10 VITO'S RESTAURANT &

★ VITO'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE The Ron Weinstein Trio, 9:30 pm, free

CLASSICAL/ **OPERA**

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rdinaire - Shine On!!, \$42.50 * A BENAROYA HALLS

MARK TAPER FOUNDATION AUDITORIUM Handel's Messiah, \$24-\$89



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THE ROYAL ROOM NOCCO: Mystics, Servants, & Devils, 7:30 pm, \$10-\$25

SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, WEST SEATTLE BRANCH Seattle Opera Preview Lecture: Cosi Fan Tutte, 2-3:30 pm, free

★ 🙆 ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL Compline Choir,

TEMPLE BETH AM Seattle

O UNIVERSITY
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH City Cantabile Choir - Annual Winter Concert 2017,

WHIDBEY ISLAND CENTER

Mon 12/18

LIVE MUSIC

CAPITOL CIDER Monday Night Jam - "Cider Sessions", 9:30 pm-1 am, free

CONOR BYRNE Bluegrass Jam,

SUNSET TAVERN Buff Muff, SomethingNothing, 8 pm, \$8

BALTIC ROOM Jam Jam, 9

★ BAR SUE Motown on Mondays, 10 pm, free

★ KREMWERK Family Meal

with The Kipples, 8 pm 12 am, \$8 PONY Rock and Roll Queer Bar,

8:30 pm-12:30 am, free

★ 🙆 THE ROYAL ROOM The Music of "A Charlie Brown Christmas", \$5

CLASSICAL/ OPERA

A BENAROYA HALLS MARK TAPER FOUNDATION AUDITORIUM

Ensign Symphony & Chorus: Hosannah!, 7:30 pm, \$18-\$38

ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL

Tues 12/19

LIVE MUSIC

BLUE MOON TAVERN Totusek Tuesday Nights, 8-11 pm, free © CROCODILE Slow Hollows, Raener, 5:30 pm, \$10

THE FUNHOUSE Nauticult. The Breathing Effect, acker J'Owl, 8:30 pm, \$6/\$8

THE ROYAL ROOM Hom or the Holidays, 7 pm, \$8-\$12 SEAMONSTER LOUNGE Hot

SUNSET TAVERN Myrrum onmoon, VLLY, 8 pm, \$8 TIM'S TAVERN Rock-O-Taco Tuesdays, 8 pm, free

BALTIC ROOM Drum & Bass

★ HAVANA Real Love '90s, 9 pm, \$5/Free before 10 pm

MERCURY Die, \$5 R PLACE Turnt Up 2zdays,

★ JAZZ ALLEY The Senate, 7:30 pm, \$32.50

OWL N' THISTLE Jazz with Eric

★ THE ROYAL ROOM The Suffering Fuckheads, 10 pm, free SEAMONSTER LOUNGE Joe Doria Presents, 10 pm, free

TULA'S Lineup! Mark Taylor and Dawn Clement, 7:30 pm, \$12

CLASSICAL/ OPERA

© BENAROYA HALL S.
MARK TAPER FOUNDATION
AUDITORIUM Ensign
Symphony & Chorus: Hosannah!,

7:30 nm. \$18-\$38 PERIHELION BREWERY

Gretchen Yanover, 7-9 pm, free

ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL A Festival of Lessons & Carols, 7:30 pm, \$11-\$35

♠ LINIVERSITY BOOK STORE

Pacific Northwest Viols, 6 pm, free VARIOUS LOCATIONS Venetian Women: Vivaldi,Äôs Gloria and Magnificat, 7:30 pm,

\$20-\$45

Wed 12/20

LIVE MUSIC

BUCKLEY'S IN BELLTOWN

CAPITOL CIDER Capitol Cider Unplugged, 8 pm, free

CONOR BYRNE Songs for a inter's Night, 8-11 pm ★ CROCODILE Xavie

Om√§r, Iris Temple, pinkcaravan!, 8 pm, \$16 HIGH DIVE Urban Ghost, The Ancient Robotz, 8 pm, \$6/\$8

HIGHWAY 99 Big Road Blues, 8 pm, \$7 HIGHWAY 99 The Fabulous

Roof Shakers, 8 pm, \$7 THE ROYAL ROOM Funk

SEAMONSTER LOUNGE

SHOWBOX SODO Kodak Black, 8 pm, \$35/\$40

STUDIO SEVEN midol, Zeroshiki, Guests 7 pm, \$13/\$15

★ TIMBRE ROOM Crubabu Studios Monthly Show, 9 p

BASTILLE CAFE BAR Le Verlan with DJ Paces Lift, 8-11 pm, free CONTOUR Depth, 10 pm-2

★ THE EAGLE MENERGY, 9 nm-2 am free

FOUNDATION SUBstance Wednesdays, 10 pm, \$0-10 LO-FI Loving Touch, 9 pm-2

NEIGHBOURS Level Up 18+, 9 pm, Free Before 10pm/\$10 After 10pm

QUFFR BAR Queer Bar D.I. QUEER BAR House/Werk. 10

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A Woman and a Man Review Woody Allen's New Film

Two perspectives on Wonder Wheel.

I Didn't Like It BY KATIE HERZOG

ull disclosure: While I may technically be a "woman" (whatever that means these days), it's debatable who has higher testosterone levels, me or Sean Nelson. He may be taller than me, but he is certainly not butcher. Regardless, Wonder Wheel, the latest trip down memory lane for octogenarian Woody Allen, is a film about the maybe inherent, at least in Allen's view, differences between men and women. Set in 1950s Coney Island, the men are either violent or foolish, and the women are just plain crazy.

Justin Timberlake and his very bare legs play lifeguard and aspiring playwright Mickey, who has what he considers a summer fling with Ginny (Kate Winslet), a near-40 waitress in an unsatisfying second marriage. Life is chaotic for Ginny, a romantic and a dreamer who still thinks she could be an actress someday. Ginny lives in a neon-lit apartment on the boardwalk with husband, Humpty (Jim Belushi, in a stellar performance), who hits her when he falls off the

wagon, and her son, whose only hobby is going to the "pictures" and setting fire to things. Mick-

ey, who fancies himself an intellectual, is as vapid as he is cute, but Ginny sees in him the $possibility\, of\, escape.\, The\, relationship\, is\, her$ wav out. But when Humpty's daughter, Carolina (Juno Temple), moves in, fleeing from



Justin Timberlake is unbearable and Kate Winslet is over-the-ton.

her gangster husband and his band of thugs, Mickey and Carolina meet, and perhaps inevitably (this is Woody Allen, after all), he falls for the younger model.

Timberlake is the narrator. but he isn't the star. That title belongs to Winslet, whose shrill. over-the-top hysteria belongs

more on stage, where you need to project, than on film. There is nothing understated about Ginny, and as she grows increasingly shrill and mad with jealousy, the trajectory of the film seems to lay itself out. It is, in a

word, predictable: Of course Ginny sacrifices everything for a man, and of course he chooses someone else. That's just what men and women do, right?

Maybe in Allen's world. But in this world. Wonder Wheel is a bust. The one remarkable part of this otherwise undistinguished film is the color: The whole thing looks like it's been run through an Instagram filter, with the saturation turned up just a notch. As Carolina confides in Ginny that she may have a crush on Mickey, the light turns from red to blue to orange to pink to blue and back again, shifting as Ginny becomes more and more hysterical. Here's a pretty young woman falling in love with her stepmother's boyfriend. For Woody Allen, what's not to like about that?

Who Cares If I Liked It? BY SEAN NELSON

here's a degree to which discussing Woody Allen's films—or any films—in the context of the transgression his daughter has credibly accused him of is \blacktriangleright

A The Room of One's Own

WONDER WHEEL

dir. Woody Allen

James Franco makes art out of the artless.

BY SEAN NELSON

THE DISASTER ARTIST

dir. James Franco

bout 12 or 13 years ago, shortly before the deluge that transformed culture into content. I began to notice that everywhere I went, everyone I encountered seemed to be telling me I had to see The Room by Tommy Wiseau, if only to understand how hilariously terrible a work of art could be.

I can't say why exactly, but something made me vow never to see it.

SIFF Cinema Egyptian Maybe I detected a measure of vitriol in the way people talked about the film that seemed disproportional. It's not like it was $The \, Birth \, of \, a \, Nation \, {
m or} \, Jew \, S \ddot{u}ss,$ was it? (Wait, was it?) No, it was just some hapless sucker's foray into artistic failure, which is less funny when you've experienced it vourself.

But let's be serious. It was probably because I was born a contrarian buzzkill, and when everyone thinks the same thing is funny—see also: "Really? Really?" b/w "I just threw up in my mouth a little bit"—it's guaranteed to make me cringe.

Nevertheless, my obstinacy has paid off, because I'm probably the only one who can

accurately report that The Disaster Artist, James Franco's film about the making of Wiseau's magnum opus, is

worth vour time even if vou've never seen The Room.

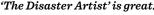
Like its most obvious cinematic forbear, Tim Burton's incandescent Ed Wood. The Disaster Artist is an argument that talent is a relative value, that friendship often takes $unlikely \, and \, even \, unpleasant \, forms, and \, that \,$ all showbiz dreams can be boiled down to the same ignoble yearning; to be validated by the gaze of strangers.

It's also a reminder that Franco is a smart and funny performer with perverse comedic instincts that pay off constantly. Armed with ludicrously long hair and a reasonable facsimile of Wiseau's inscrutable accent (Mediterranean? Russian?

two of them to star in when neither one can

catch a break in Hollywood. Their friendship

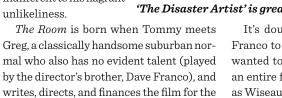
Slavic? Italian? French? Basque?), he stumbles around the fringes of show business-acting classes, auditions, a chance encounter with Judd Apatow in a restaurant—either oblivious or indifferent to his flagrant



is born of mutual hopelessness, but it grows into something close to actual affection despite the enigma at the center of Tommy. Where does he get his limitless money? What the hell is he ever talking about? What exactly does he want from Greg?

The film never answers these questions, which raises a more important one: How do we reconcile our grudging sympathy for

> Tommy with the knowledge that he is personally unpleasant, artistically barren, and very likely shady as hell? (Three characteristics that can be attributed to people far more successful than Tommy Wiseau, one has-



It's doubtful such an irony motivated Franco to make the film. He probably just wanted to see whether he could carry off an entire feature with a figure as ludicrous as Wiseau at its center. That makes the humanity of The Disaster Artist feel all the less likely and all the more pleasing.

◆not only pointless but abhorrent. The choice to boycott, or at least to ignore, anything with his name attached seems perfectly sensible and legitimate. But long before that accusation cast a shadow over his life and career, there were ample reasons to give up on Allen's seemingly endless stream of late-period feature films.

Even if you're prepared to allow that he managed to pull out a surprise every fourth or fifth try, there has been a larger question mark looming over the 18 or so films he has made this century: Why is he doing this? What audience is he addressing? What is he on about?

Despite their noteworthy collaborations with certain actors, production designers, and cinematographers, late Allen films bear an essential sameness of tone—even within their superficial genre variation—that make them all feel like one long, undifferentiated monologue, a story that refuses to end.

I can't think of another celebrated director whose dialogue sounds so written, whose class and dramatic conceits betray such total sequestration from any observable world. whose human observations so utterly fail to bear scrutiny off the screen. This wasn't always true.

Wonder Wheel is no different. Allen is in drama mode here, in the vein of Interiors. September, and Another Woman-which is to say, a story about an increasingly unhinged woman whose desperate need for love and absolution brings everyone around her to the brink of disaster. Though it pretends to empathy, the film feels more like a protracted punishment for her essential shallowness of character. It might have been a stage play, but that wouldn't have saved it from feeling false.

Kate Winslet does a great deal of acting in the role of Ginny, a once-promising performer whose entire life now consists of consequences for the bad choices of her youth. She's married to a coarse, penniless loser (Jim Belushi), gets in a love triangle with her stepdaughter (Juno Temple, excellent) and a much younger lifeguard (Justin Timberlake, unbearable), while steadfastly neglecting her pyromaniac son and waiting for the moralistic story to go full Bergman, which it dutifully does.

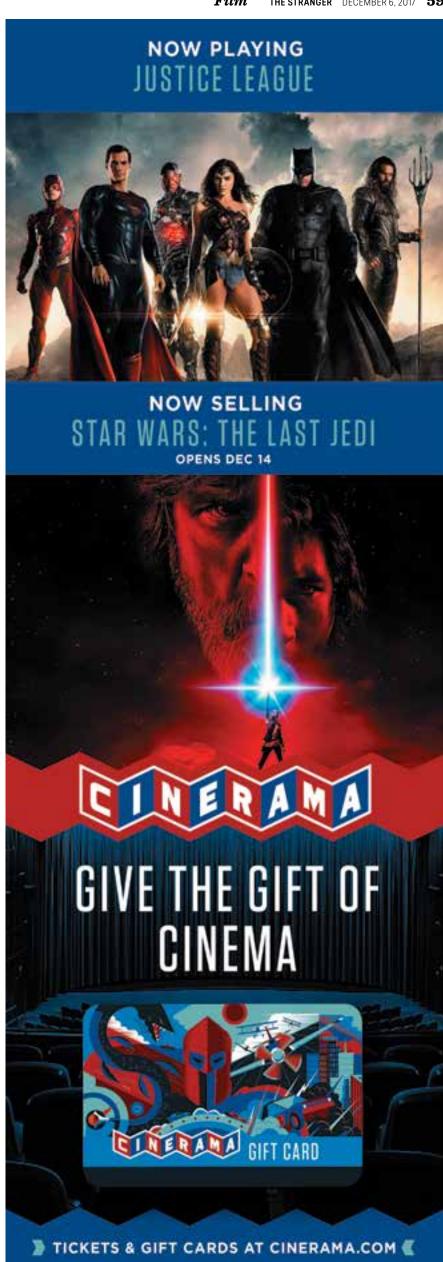
There was a time when you could count on even lesser Allen movies to boast a fantastic ensemble cast. Those days appear to be gone: he can still attract a star like Winslet, but she spends two-thirds of the film playing off the unworthy likes of Belushi and Timberlake.

It almost feels like he's daring you to watch.



 ${\it Jim \, Belushi \, and \, the \, Sopranos \, in \, `Wonder \, Wheel'.}$











Top Picks

THURS DEC 7

Food Justice Film Festival

Food justice is for real. It involves a community mastering and localizing food production. The veggies and fruits and eggs from urban farms are healthier because they are fresh and do not contain the high levels of class struggle and stress found in mass-produced foods in supermarkets. Also, locally grown food requires much less energy to transport, and it changes a community's relationship with what they eat. Meaning, things like leafy vegetables, tomatoes, and carrots are no longer alienated but an active part of your city. Lastly, urban gardens look cool. Solid Ground, a local social-service agency dedicated to ending urban poverty, is presenting a film festival at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute devoted to food justice. There will be short films about sustainable food and farming gathered and curated by the Chicago-based Real Food Films. This event will be good food for your soul. (Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, 5-8:30 pm, free-\$12.) CHARLES MUDEDE

DEC 8-11, 15-28

'It's a Wonderful Life'

Shortly after It's a Wonderful Life's 1946 release. James Agee, one of the few American film critics of that era still worth reading, noted the film's grueling aspect. "Often," he wrote, "in its pile-driving emotional exuberance, it outrages, insults, or at least accosts without introduction, the cooler and more responsible parts of the mind." These cautions are followed by a telling addendum: "It is nevertheless recommended, and will be reviewed at length as soon as the paralyzing joys of the season permit." Paralyzing joys are the very heart of George Bailey's saga. The sacrifices he makes for being "the richest man in town" resonate bitterly even as they lead to the finale's effusive payoff. They are what make the film immortal. (Grand Illusion, \$9.) SEAN NELSON

DEC 8-12, 15-17

'Scrooged'/'Die Hard'

There was once a time when Bill Murray was the biggest star in the world and then didn't make any movies for four years. Scrooged was his comeback, and knowing what we know now about his indie inclinations, you can see how conflicted he is about ennobling what is essentially a lavish corporate entertainment that pretends to be critical of the commercialization of Christmas while actually literally commercializing Christmas. Still, Murray is magnificent in the film, the effects are better than uou'd expect, and the 1988 version of Hollywood excess is almost quaint by comparison with the CGI purgatory we live in today. Die Hard, meanwhile, is almost definitely the best, most

satisfuing example of purely corporate cinema that ever was, or ever will be made again. It came out the same year as Scrooged, and no one within a thousand miles of it was conflicted about a goddamn thing. (Central Cinema, \$8-\$11; SIFF Film Center, \$14.) **SEAN NELSON**

DEC 9-10

'Irma Vep'

One of the leading themes of the films by the French director Olivier Assayas is celebrity: being close to it, living with it, seeing it in ordinary situations. His last film, Personal Shopper, has a real Hollywood star (Kristen Stewart) playing a personal shopper for a European movie star. Assayas's second-to-last film, Clouds of Sils Maria, has the same Stewart playing a personal assistant to Juliette Binoche (a real European movie star playing a European movie star). In Irma Vep, which Assayas made just over 20 years ago, a real Hong Kong movie star, Maggie Cheung, plays a Hong Kong movie star who is hired by a French director to play the lead role in a remake of the French silent-era classic Les Vampires. Assayas never gets deep into the magic of celebrity, but he knows that the masses are more interested in being near to its power than understanding it. (Northwest Film Forum, \$12.) CHARLES MUDEDE

WED DEC 13

'Auntie Mame'

While in the middle of my college years, I received from my roommate David something of an education in what I can only describe as gay cinema. It's not that the films I was shown had gay people in them, but that they were held in high regard

Short List

Bob & Alice & Carol & Ted Grand Illusion. Thurs Dec 14, 7:30 pm, \$9 Coco Various Incations Dr. Strangelove, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb Living Computers Museum, Thurs Dec 7, 6:15 pm, free Free Lunch Societu: Komm Komm Grundein-Grand Illusion. Thurs Dec 7, 7 pm, \$9 Le Gai Savoir Northwest Film Forum Dec 9-10, \$12 The Nightmare Grand Illusion, Thurs Dec 7, 9 pm, \$9

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◆ by a class of gay men. The very best of these films was Auntie Mame. I fell in love with its star, Rosalind Russell, almost at the exact moment she appeared on the screen. And David, my gay guide through this 1958 classic, had lots of information about her, her performance, and how this brilliant piece affected her life and society. David also kissed me after we watched the movie. It was the first time I had been kissed by a man (his skin and lips were rough), and because I did not feel anything special during the kiss, it turned out to be the last time I experienced a kiss of that kind. But to this day, I still regard Auntie Mame as one of the highest achievements of that very American postwar decade. (Pacific Place, 6:30 pm, \$20.) **CHARLES MUDEDE**

Collide-O-Scope: 'Feel the Force'

From an e-mail I received in 2007: "My name is Brian Daniels. If you are the Charles Mudede I think you are, we were childhood friends attending a small elementary school in Sharptown, MD. I remember your father, mother, and sister. I also remember the sad day you and your family moved away to Zimbabwe in 1981. I watched from my parents' home as the VW Bug your father drove carted all of you away. I was in tears because you were one of the best friends I had at the time. I think we were huge Star Wars fans..." Because I'm still a huge Star Wars fan, I can watch almost anything related to that faraway galaxy. This is why I cannot miss Collide-O-Scope's presentation of "special found footage" that features "the wildest, weirdest, and Wookiee-est moments inspired by George Lucas's pop culture phenomenon Star Wars." There will also be "classic toy commercials, musical numbers, [and] rip-offs." All of this sounds like heaven to me. (Ark Lodge Cinemas, 8-11 pm, \$15.) CHARLES MUDEDE

OPENING THURS DEC 14

'Star Wars: The Last Jedi'

One of the many pleasures of last year's Star Wars movie, Roque One, can be found in the appearance of Princess Leia. (My favorite pleasure from that film, however, is the deactivated star destroyer crashing with an active one, and the fiery fall of both into a bluish force field that surrounds a planet and protects the Empire's tropical data storage base.) To prevent a spoiler, I will not mention why or when this happens, but her very brief appearance (a digitally re-created young Carrie Fisher) was like hearing the long and deep echo that crowns the opening of King Tubby's "Chapter of Money" or the end of Holy Other's "Touch." The image of a computer-generated Princess Leia seen in 2016 echoed so deeply, so richly (indeed, so galactically) the image of Princess Leia seen in 1977 in Star Wars. And so, Fisher entered American pop life as a hologram and left it with her death a year ago as a virtual actress. One of her last roles as a real person, however, is this year's Star Wars: The Last Jedi. The film also stars a much-aged Luke Skywalker. Chewbacca has not, however, changed with time. Wookiees don't crack. Nevertheless, the future may worship Carrie Fisher as the mother of the new nature, the mother of what the movie image will eventually become, idoru. (Various locations.) **CHARLES MUDEDE**

WED DEC 20

'Deep Red'

There may be better-known giallo films, but this one has all the stuff that makes the genre so pleasing: an unlikely hero stumbling into a supernatural murder plot, amazing mid-1970s hair and clothes, terrifying dolls, a killer score by Goblin, and a simmering atmosphere of pervasive dread that feels like when you try to run during a nightmare. Writer/director Dario Argento adheres closely to Hitchcock's suspense-to-shock ratio, which is why the fake blood and Italian voice dubbing go down so easy. Plus, the film's Italian name is Profondo Rosso, a fantastic pair of words to say out loud. (Northwest Film Forum, 8 pm, \$12.) SEAN NELSON

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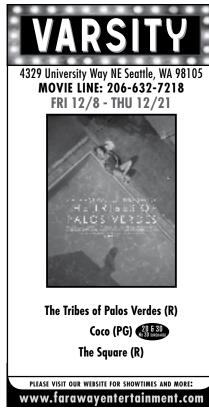
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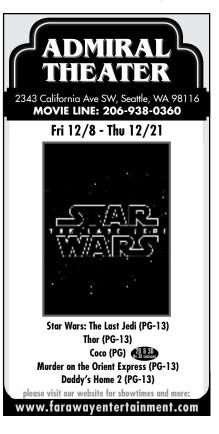
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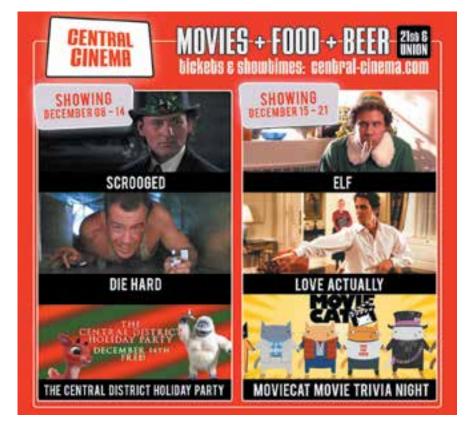
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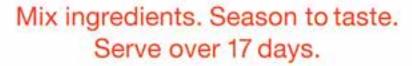












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Drink Cask Ale

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BY LESTER BLACK

ask ale is the most underappreciated beer style in Seattle. It makes no sense. There's no better remedy for a dreary Seattle winter than a proper pint of British cask ale. Its mellow carbonation, smooth flavor, and notquite-cold serving temperature perfectly complement never-ending rainy days.

My first cask ale of the season was on that strange early November day when Seattle saw snow flurries while colorful leaves still hung on the trees. The city felt caught off guard. I spent the afternoon in Hale's Ales taproom in Ballard drinking a cask Supergoose IPA. It was both fruity and buttery, with a smoothness that rounded off the edges of the city's surprise cold snap.

A few weeks later, I was inside the brick walls of the original Rainier Brewery in Georgetown, where Machine House Brewerv pumps out some of the world's finest British ales. I tried their Blakeney Bitter, a mildly nutty beer with notes of lightly toasted bread and a crisp finish. I followed with their Best Bitter, an even milder beer with a bit of drying bitterness. I finished with Dark Mild, a jet-black beer that is only 3.7 percent alcohol but packed with notes of cocoa and cherry, a truly extraordinary beer.

While much of American craft beer screams with flavor, cask ales command with a quiet power. In an increasingly sterile and convenience-obsessed world, these beers are

full of life and are wonderfully fussy to make. Don't be tricked by their self-deprecating names-anyone want another Ordinary Bitter?—these are beers with serious complications. Whereas modern brewers use sealed stainless-steel vats to keep their fermenting beer safe, traditional cask brewers use openair fermenters and rely on the natural protection of yeast-created carbon dioxide to form an invisible shield around their fermenting beer.

Mike Hale, a pioneer in American craft beer since opening Hale's Ales in 1983, said he was convinced to trust in open fermentation after he worked in small breweries in the UK in the 1970s.

"In England, we were doing it in barnyards with pigeons flying around," Hale said. "You bring this stuff together and beer happens. It's mysterious; it's magic.'

Cask ales aren't the only style of beer that uses open fermentation, but what happens after a cask ale has been fermented is unique. Most commercial beer is pressurized with industrial carbonation after it leaves the fermenter. Cask ale is carbonated with only what the yeast can naturally produce in its special keg, called a cask.

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When Arnott asked why I was writing about cask ale. I giddily replied. 'Tis the sea-

son!" He responded with a distinctly British look on his face that said something to the effect of "you can't be that stupid."

Arnott's incredulousness is valid—cask ale isn't traditionally a winter-only beer. But for me, there's no better accompaniment to winter.

Top Picks

FRI DEC 8

Seattle Brewing: Craft, Culture, and History

If you've ever wondered about the history behind Seattle's brewing culture, this is your chance to learn more. The American Brewing History Initiative of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American

History will lead a discussion about how the unique confluence of community, geography, and agriculture has shaped the Emerald City's unique beer scene and how current brewers are carrying on the legacy of the past. The multigenerational panel of guest speakers includes Dick Cantwell, brewer and cofounder of Elysian Brewing Company; Charles and Rose Ann Finkel, founders of Pike Brewing Company; Annie Johnson, master brewer-in-residence at PicoBrew; and Dave Green, president and CEO of Skagit Valley Malting. (Pike Place Market Atrium Kitchen, 6:30 pm, \$48.) JULIANNE BELL



SAT DEC 9

The Magic and Science of Kombucha

Kombucha, the fizzy fermented tea beverage, has gotten a lot of attention in the last few years. James Chang, biogeochemist and proprietor of Shen Zen Tea's Premium Kombucha, and Grace Chang, naturopathic physician, will discuss the history, health benefits, and risks of the sweet-tart, sparkling brew and explore how claims from home brewers compare to peer-reviewed research. Guests will witness a kombucha demonstration and go home with a freaky bacterial glob-baby yeast culture (aka SCOBY or "mother") to call their very own. The event will be followed by a free tasting with several local kombucha brewers. (HeartBeet Organic Superfoods Cafe, 9:15–11:15 am, \$25.) **JULIANNE BELL**

SUN DEC 10

Gather Seattle at Not Without Salt Shop

You've probably heard the buzzword hygge by now. For the uninitiated, it's a Danish concept meaning a sense of comfort, coziness, and contentment. and we could probably all do with a little bit of that

right now. It's also Not Without Salt food blogger Ashley Rodriguez's inspiration for a bone-warming, winter-blues-busting gathering at her newly minted flagship brick-and-mortar space, with leek-jam toast piled high with wild mushrooms, ember-roasted pumpkin, a spiced lentil stew, and steaming mugs of mulled wine and toasted hazelnut chocolat chaud. (Not Without Salt Shop, 4–7 pm, \$75.) JULIANNE BELL

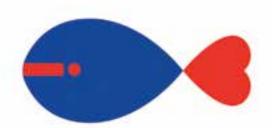
MON DEC 11

Jim Meehan: Meehan's **Bartender Manual**

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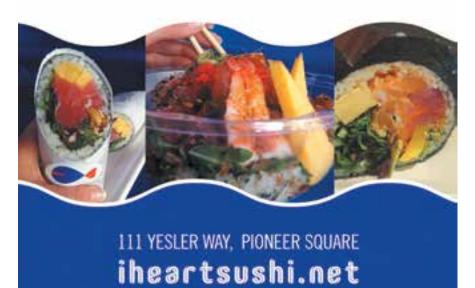


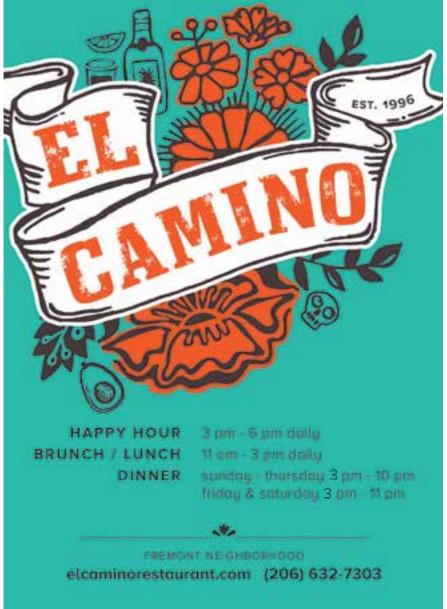
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MON DEC 11 & MON DEC 18

Feast of the Seven Fishes

The Feast of the Seven Fishes is a traditional Italian American supper featuring seven kinds of fish or seafood, usually served before midnight mass on Christmas Eve. This lavish spread from Delancey promises the freshest catches the Ballard pizzeria can procure, with albacore crudo, handmade II Corvo pasta with lobster, Dungeness crab, Penn Cove mussels, anchovies, roasted oysters snatched from Delancey's roaring wood-fired oven, and a steady flow of wine throughout. They'll finish with some delightful-sounding butterscotch pots de creme for dessert. (Delancey, 6 pm, \$125.) JULIANNE BELL

THURS DEC 14

Heavy Metal Beer Dinner

Colin Lenfesty and Mike Murphy, the resident metalheads of Holy Mountain Brewing, named their Interbay brewery in tribute to the majesty of Mount Rainier and the album by stoner-rock heavyweights Sleep in equal measure. It's appropriate, then, that Brave Horse Tavern chef Brian Walczyk riffs on that combo with Pacific Northwest ingredients like Gebbers Farms beef carpaccio alongside bright citrus pickles and elevated stoner-genius munchies like nooch-flavored Pringles. Each of the six courses will be matched with a rare brew from Holy Mountain, and the evening will no doubt be soundtracked by some fittingly epic tunes. (Brave Horse Tavern, 6 pm. \$85.) JULIANNE BELL



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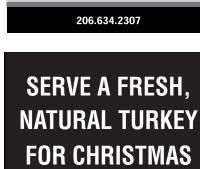
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5:30 and 8 pm, \$75

Celebration

6:30 pm, free

Feast of the Seven Fishes with Musang

Free Grilled Cheese

Conscious Eatery, Fri Dec 8, 11 am-1 pm, free

Brouwer's Cafe, Dec 7-10,

Bar del Corso, Sun Dec 17,

Dinner

Matia Pop-up

6 pm. \$100

Frenchitalian Washingoregon Wine

L'Oursin, Sun Dec 10, \$120

Cafe Bariot, Sat Dec 9.

Miracle on 2nd Pop-Up

Rob Roy, free admission, through Dec 24

Puerto Rican Christmas Capitol Hill, Sun Dec 17,

5-7 pm, \$125

Twilight Noodle Slurp Chinatown-International District, Fri Dec 8, Fri

Dec 15, 4:30-7:30 pm, \$45 Vegetarian Tamale

Cooking Class El Centro de la Raza, Sat Dec 9, 10 am, \$75

Early Warnings

FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES Anchovies & Olives, Sat Dec 23, 5-11 pm, \$80

SICILIAN FEAST OF FISHES DINNER Agrodolce, Sun Dec 24, 3:30, 6, and 8:30 pm, \$70-\$90

TARSAN I JANE CHRISTMAS EVE CHINESE TASTING Tarsan i Jane, Sun Dec 24, 5-6:30 pm, \$150

BALLER BEER & BUBBLES: NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER No Anchor, Sun Dec 31, 5:30-11 pm, \$150

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT TARSAN I JANE Tarsan i Jane, Sun Dec 31, 5-8 pm, \$155/\$185

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER mkt., Sun Dec 31, 5-10 pm, \$85

RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT EDEN HILL Eden Hill, Sun Dec 31, 4-11 pm, \$105

THE HERBFARM NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA The Herbfarm, Sun Dec 31, 8 pm, \$395

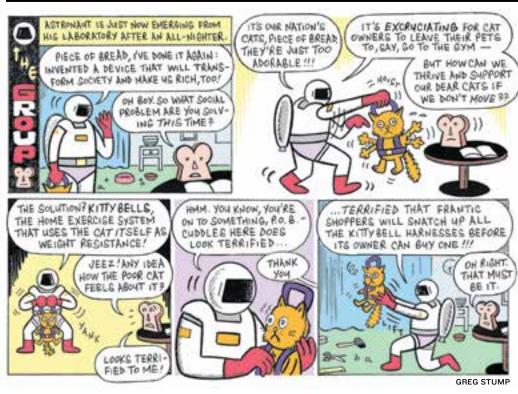
COUNTDOWN AT THE BAYOU Capitol Cider. Sun Dec 31, 8 pm-1 am. \$45-\$600

MIDNIGHT: A NYE DANCE PARTY Canlis, Sun Dec 31, 9 pm-2 am, \$350



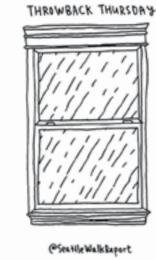


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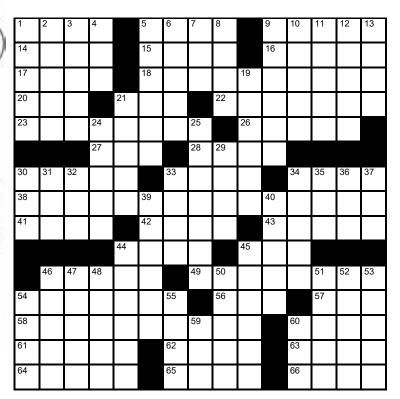






LIANA FINCK SEATTLE WALK REPORT

$oldsymbol{PickSix}$ by Brendan emmett quigley



ACROSS

- 1. They've got all the answers
- 5. Catching a bit more Z's 9. Spot for a lavalier mic
- 14. Little character on TV
- 15. Host before and after
- O'Brien
- 16. French 101 school
- 17. Have-___ (those in need) 18. Impartiality from your pops?
- 20 Bioinformatics strand
- 21. is.gd thing

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- 22. Learning method
- 23. Pest near the Taj Mahal?
- 26. Broadcasted
- 27. Aconcagua, e.g.: Abbr.
- 28. Shock jock in a cowboy hat
- 30 Mouse-like animal
- 33. Puts another candle on the
- 34. Money put on the table
- 38. Two things that you do at an Oasis concert?
- 41. Big Apple cops
- 42. Mangu dog
- 43. D&D brutes
- 44. Magazine with a red border on its cover
- 45. "We're drowning here"
- 46. Outboard motor locale
- 49. Crime novel?
- 54. High spirits

- 56. One's better half's title
- 57. Popped thing
- 58. Kudos for some BDSM activity?
- 60. Pained expression
- 61. Spook's work
- 62. Northern duck
- 63. Con ____ (with vigor)
- 64. Vogue topic
- 65. Red- (cinnamon can-
- 66. Butt Fumble team

DOWN

- 1. "The Ox-Bow Incident" star
- 2 In the thick of
- 3. 2022 World Cup host
- 4. Cap and gown renters: Abbr.
- 5. Astronaut Buzz 6. Start of an old army slogan
- 7. Wrap things up
- 8. Place to get your kicks?
- 9 "I Dreamed a Dream"
- musical, for short
- 10. John Wilkes Booth was one 11 Presence of mind
- 12. Spanish national hero
- 13. Wine leftovers
- 19. National cheer, for God's sake, we'd better hear at 3-Down
- 21. Ahead by a pair

- 24. Make changes
- 25. Green-___ (okayed)
- 29. Reach, as a goal
- 30. W-9 ID
- 31. "Yo, bro!"
- 32. Agent, briefly
- 33. Homecoming visitor
- 34. Emo motif
- 35. Neither partner 36. 5K souvenir
- 37. Overhead rollers
- 39. Key with one sharp
- 40. Knights' neighbors
- 44. Almost make it home
- 45. Things with heads and threads
- 46. Italicize
- 47. "M-m-m-m"
- 48. One of the Rosenbergs
- 50 "That'll do'
- 51. Sky blue
- 52. Sanctioned
- 53. Moral stance
- 54. New Haven scholars
- 55. "In the vanities / No one wears panities" poet
- 59. "TBH"
- 60. Noun after a verb: Abbr.

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THIS FORTNIGHT *** IN *** **HISTORY**

Memorable Events That Occurred December 6-19

Dec 6 1865: The 13th Amendment to the US Constitution is ratified. guaranteeing that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude... shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.'

Dec 6. 1969: During the Rolling Stones' headlining set at a free music festival at the Altamont Speedway in Tracy, California, one of the Hells Angels who'd been hired as a security guard stabs a member of the audience to death. The concert is widely regarded as "the end of the '60s.'

Dec 7, 1941: Nearly 3,000 Americans are killed in a raid by Japanese aircraft on the Peal Harbor naval base in Hawaii.

Dec 8. 1941: The US and Great Britain declare war on Japan.

Dec 8, 1980: Using a legally purchased .38-caliber pistol, Mark David Chapman fires four bullets into John Lennon's back outside Lennon's home in New York City.

Dec 8. 1991: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics ceases to exist when Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine

agree to form the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Dec 9, 1980: John Lennon dies.

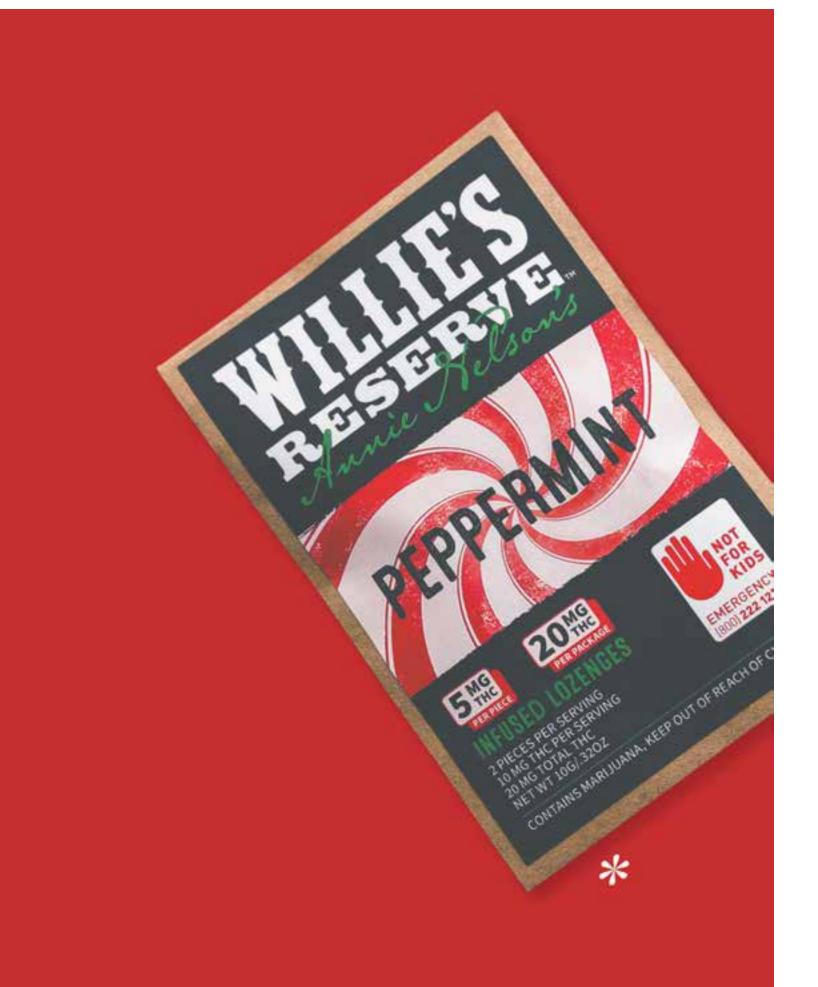
Dec 10, 1967: Three days after recording "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay," Otis Redding dies when his private plane crashes into Lake Monona, near Madison, Wisconsin,

Dec 15. 1961: Nazi colonel Adolf Eichmann is sentenced to death in Jerusalem for his role in organizing

Dec 16, 1770: Ludwig van Beethoven is born in Bonn Germany

Dec 16, 1773: As a protest against taxation, members of the Sons of Liberty, a group of colonial radicals appropriate the appearance of Mohawk Indians, board British ships moored in Boston Harbor, and dump more than 45 tons (92,000 pounds) of tea, valued at £10,000 (more than \$1 million today) into Massachusetts Bay.

Dec 19, 1998: The US House of Representatives impeaches President William Jefferson Clinton for perjury and obstruction of justice



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